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## Salaries Still Rise During State-Restructuring Plan

By Kim Ranney  
Bulet Staff Writer

In 1994, Mary Washington College announced it would reduce administrative costs and positions as part of a state-mandated restructuring plan. Since then, administrative salaries at the college have risen almost 19 percent with yearly raises, promotions and the addition of eight new administrators.

Administrative salaries are currently \$3,460,877, up more than half a million dollars from \$2,913,239 four years ago.

In the 1994 Mary Washington College restructuring plan approved by the State Council of Higher Education of Virginia (SCHEV), Mary Washington College President William Anderson said that the school would:

"Reorganize and downsize administration and/or other non-instruction operations, and move the recovered budget dollars to instruction in order to accommodate higher enrollments of Virginia undergraduates."

He also said that the school had already at that time eliminated two administrative positions and "re-allocated" five others.

The five "re-allocated" positions have continued to show up on the administrative payroll, and the overall size of the administration has jumped from 62 positions in 1994 to 70 today.

Provost Philip Hall, who helps compile the information that goes into the restructuring reports, was unsure of savings in administration since 1994.

"We identified those savings when we first wrote that plan back in 1994, and I haven't tracked them since. So I can't claim that there are or are not savings specifically relating to the numbers...for people's salaries as they come and go and so forth," Hall said.

Ron Singleton, vice president of college relations, defended the restructuring plan. It has prompted the college to channel more funds into instruction through a variety of initiatives, including the elimination of positions, the re-allocation of these duties and privatization, according to Singleton.

"Restructuring is more than just counting heads. It deals with qualitative improvement in the operation of the college. You look at the operating functions. It's more than just a body count," Singleton said.

Executive Vice President Midge Poyck was unavailable for comment.

Don Finley, the associate director of SCHEV, said that Mary Washington College has followed the restructuring requirements of the state by re-allocating administrative positions from central administration to more direct service positions.

"The general impression in Richmond is that Mary Washington runs a very clean ship," said Finley. "Mary Washington has been stride for stride doing what the state has expected."

Administrators whose duties are tied directly to instruction, are not targeted by the plan.

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### Top Six Administrative Salaries

Name	'94-'95 salary	Current Salary
Philip Hall, provost	91,099	99,055
Conrad Wartick, senior vice president for administrative and student services	87,006	95,669
Midge Poyck, executive vice president and chief financial officer	65,435	94,850
Ed Hegmann, director of athletics	85,041	93,508
Barbara Palmer, dean of faculty		93,032
Bernie Chirico, vice president for student affairs	62,590	91,167

Figures courtesy Office of Personnel Services

## Russian Outta Here, Says BOV

By Sharon Bhagwadin  
Bulet Staff Writer

Mary Washington students and faculty expressed anger over the reduction of the Russian Studies program.

Despite numerous recommendations for tenure, Valentina Baslyk, assistant professor of modern foreign language (MFL), was not only denied tenure, but will no longer be employed at MWC after next year.

The Board of Visitors (BOV) resolved, at their April 11 meeting, to reduce the Russian Studies course offerings and reassign the full-time tenure track faculty position, effective in the fall semester of 1998.

"The Board did not approve professor Baslyk's tenure because of institutional criteria," said Barbara Palmer, dean of the faculty at MWC.

She explained that there are three aspects of criteria, listed in the MWC faculty handbook: institutional, individual, and performance. Institutional criteria covers enrollment patterns and staffing needs.

"She was certainly not lacking I the performance criteria," Palmer said.

According to Palmer, the numbers over the past 10 years have declined and this was the reasoning for the reduction and reassignment.

"We were shocked at the decision because we didn't anticipate the Board acting this quickly," Palmer said.

Samuel Merrill, chair of the department for MFL, said that the administration brought up the problem about enrollment to the BOV.

"And, the BOV bought that argument," Merrill said. Many were not pleased with the situation, including Baslyk.

"Instead of my tenure, I only received a one-year contract. It's outrageous, but there is nothing I can do about it but accept it and move on," Baslyk said.

Merrill said that the department feels absolutely terrible

about losing Baslyk. She has been teaching at MWC for six years.

Andrea Purdy, assistant professor of MFL, said that the recent decisions made about the MFL department were frustrating.

"I understand the economics of the situation, but I wish we were better informed so that we actively participate in decisions about our department. We have no voice and that makes us frustrated because we have no say," Purdy said.

The faculty of the MFL department were not the only ones concerned about this decision.

At the April 23 faculty and staff meeting, several professors repeatedly asked questions of Midge Poyck, executive vice president at MWC, regarding the reduction of the Russian program and the denial of tenure.

Carol Manning, professor of English, asked if there was anything more that the school could have done to prevent this from happening.

Poyck admitted that the school was not prepared.

"This is not the decision we wanted, but we didn't prepare ourselves. We should learn from this," Poyck said.

Steve Watkins, associate professor of English and Bulet advisor, questioned the enrollment problem to the BOV.

Poyck explained that it was the administration that brought this to their attention, but that the BOV expects the administration to let them know about concerns of the college.

Ernie Ackermann, professor of computer science, asked many questions, including whether the administration was surprised at the BOV's decision.

"The degree of the situation came as a surprise," Poyck said.

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## Jewish Holiday Celebrated on Campus

Senior Jon Abelson, Hillel president, leads the Passover Sedar service Tuesday, April 22, in the Red Room.

By Kelly Regan  
Bulet Staff Writer

Special Collections Librarian Brenda Sloan said she did not want to talk to the Bulet about the issue of faculty of color at Mary Washington College. She said she has talked and talked in the past and nothing has happened. So she won't say anything more about it.

In a 1992 issue of the Bulet, Sloan said: "The people from the top are saying 'Oh yes, we want to increase our numbers,' but I don't see them doing anything."

In 1992 there were 15 faculty and administrative positions held by African-Americans. Today there are 16 African-American positions.

Administrators in charge of recruiting faculty of color say they are working toward greater diversification, but that the goal is not easily achieved.

"Recruiting and keeping faculty of color is tough going. The first problem is identifying quality people with similar credentials with everybody else. We can't set different standards whether higher or lower. The second is to find a match between those folks and what their credentials are about. And third, of course, is getting them here," said Barbara

Palmer, dean of faculty.

One major obstacle in recruiting faculty of color to Mary Washington is the small number, nationally, of Ph.D.s awarded to minority groups. It is the college's hiring policy that each applicant pool must statistically match the number of Ph.D.s awarded in that field. In some areas such as political science, chemistry and modern English these numbers are lower than five percent.

"It's not like advertising for McDonald's where 75 people will suddenly show up," said Palmer.

Midge Poyck, executive vice president, voiced a similar reasoning for why the faculty remains predominantly white at Mary Washington.

"Our problem is not selecting a qualified candidate, but having a qualified candidate apply," Poyck said.

However, Longwood College, a school that receives less state funding for faculty salary than MWC and is also burdened with a white-girls-school reputation, has

10 percent of their faculty positions filled by minorities. Minority faculty only reach 6 percent at Mary Washington College. Palmer acknowledged Mary Washington's poor showing toward a diverse faculty.

"We've not been terribly successful, but I'm a bit lost as to what we can do," she said.

Margaret Ray, associate professor of economics, has some ideas for the administration about diversity. She is personally interested in the subject and is chair of the Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity Committee (AA/EEO) at Mary Washington College.

Last year, she completed a project which charted the effect of female professors on the number of females enrolled in an academic major. She found a positive

correlation. This year she took on the project of re-invigorating the AA/EEO committee, which is an advisory group to



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Courtesy of College Relations

Valentina Baslyk

# Police Beat

By Chevvone Bray  
Bulletin Staff Writer

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- On April 22, there was a harassing e-mail sent. The situation was referred to the administration.

## VANDALISM

- On April 19, a fire extinguisher was discharged in Trinkle Hall.
- On April 19, a small table was broken in Russell Hall. The item is worth \$85.

- On April 20, in Russell Hall a table was thrown from the second floor to the first floor. The item was worth \$25.

## LARCENY

- On April 21, a state pager was lost or stolen. The item is worth \$25.
- On April 22, a piece of a lock was taken from DuPont Hall.

## DUI/DIP

- On April 18, James Creggan of New Jersey was arrested for DUI at College Avenue and Brent Street.
- On April 23, Russell McFadden of Spotsylvania was charged with possession of marijuana, underage possession of alcohol, and DIP. The driver, Michael Lewis, was also charged with underage possession of alcohol and also driving on a suspended license. The traffic stop occurred at College Avenue and Alvey Drive.

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the committee," said Short. Short is now ex-officio member of the committee, meaning she provides assistance and information when needed and is a member of the Council of Community Values.

In the first formal report ever made by the AA/EEO committee six recommendations were listed.

Some of the proposals in the report focused on broad systemic issues such as data collection, hiring regulations, and resources for recruitment. Others, like adding the statement of nondiscrimination to the MWC homepage, were more specific.

One idea that has been discussed at Mary Washington for several years is separating the positions of affirmative action officer and personnel director. Currently, Short performs both of these duties. However, MWC is the only college, except Virginia Military Institution, that combines these positions.

At other schools the AA/EEO officer is in charge of all duties concerning diversity such as: student recruitment and retention of equality and harassment complaints and law suits, and writing annual affirmative action reports.

At Mary Washington these responsibilities are scattered between the offices of the President, Provost, Dean of Faculty, Personnel, Admissions and Multi Cultural Center.

Another reason cited for separating the positions of affirmative action officer and personnel director is conflict of interest.

"Certainly there is some credence to the issue of conflict of interest because personnel and affirmative action are so closely tied," said Short.

"If you have someone complaining about the process to hire. I'm the one who is responsible for monitoring that process as personnel director. Then I turn around on the affirmative action side and may end up defending it," she said.

Short's responsibilities as affirmative action officer concentrate on coordinating affirmative action reports, handling equal employment complaints and lawsuits.

Mary Washington has not written its biannual affirmative action report. This is because State Council of Higher Education of Virginia (SCHEV) has not requested it. Short said the college is still adhering to the 1995 report. Short and Provost Phil Hall felt that affirmative action is not a top priority for the George Allen administration, which may be the reason why the report has not been requested.

Ray said the college needs to take positive steps toward fulfilling what they say they want in words and on paper.

"Rather than saying 'gee we'd love to have more highly qualified women and minorities applying to Mary

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## Campus Activities

•Students can send their extra flex dollars to purchase donations for the Thurman Bristen Homeless Shelter. Call Shannon at X4207 with your name, telephone number, flex number, social security number, and amount of the flex dollar donation. Help make your world a better place.

•The Martial Arts Club and Black Belt College of America are co-sponsoring a Martial Arts Tournament on Sat. April 26. The tournament will be held in Goolrick Hall and begins at 10 a. m. Admission, regularly \$ 5, is free with a college ID. Events include creative and music forms, weapons routines, sparring and more! For information, call (703) 347-7266 or Jade at X3199.

•The Ridderhof Martin Gallery will host an exhibition entitled "Works by Former Mary Washington College Art Department Faculty" from April 23 to June 1. The

gallery is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. The exhibition is free.

•The Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra will give a concert in Dodd Auditorium on April 25 at 8 p. m. The concert is free.

•Eight MWC students enrolled in a museum laboratory class have designed and installed an exhibit entitled "Become Enchanted with Germanna: Discover the Layers of a Historic Virginia Site." The exhibit will be displayed in the Trinkle Hall Rotunda April 19

•Mary Washington College Chorus will give a free concert entitled "Lighter Side XV" in Dodd Auditorium on April 28 at 7:30 p. m.

Washington College," we should, instead, say how we're going to go about getting them," said Ray. "What's written down and what's believed and pursued and lived are two very different things."

One goal recently achieved toward greater diversity at Mary Washington is the race and gender curriculum requirement passed by the faculty last year. Next fall, incoming freshman will be required to take courses which fall under the areas of writing intensive, speaking intensive, global awareness, environmental awareness, and race and gender awareness.

Craig Vasey, associate professor of philosophy, and Carole Corcoran, associate professor of psychology implemented the race and gender project in 1988 with the help of a \$100,000 SCHEV grant.

During the next four years, the race and gender project received \$49,000 of funding from the college to conduct faculty seminars. These seminars updated interested faculty on the current academic research and theories about race and gender.

This project was nationally heralded in higher education publications and reviews.

The Race, Class and Gender Committee, renamed this year, does not receive its own funding anymore because, the main goal of the project has been achieved, according to Palmer.

"The whole point of the race and gender project, I think, was to develop race and gender to be a part of the curriculum and to be acknowledged. By virtue of the faculty voting, close to unanimously, for a race and gender across the curriculum requirement, we won," Palmer said. Currently there are 22 courses which have been

approved to fulfill the race and gender requirement. Of those, only one course specifically deals with race.

That one course is "Sociology of Race and Ethnicity" taught by Assistant Professor of Sociology Jennifer Eichstedt. Eichstedt, also a member of the committee, said the overwhelming number of courses that focus on gender as opposed to race is a problem.

"Its more comfortable for most people to talk about gender issues than to talk about race," Eichstedt said. "I think a lot of white faculty are worried about raising the issue. They're worried because they have their own anxieties about it or they're worried they will say something that a student will think is racist."

For this reason, she feels it is imperative that the college continue to invest resources in its new race and gender requirement.

"The race, class and gender awareness project needs to be able to encourage more courses to focus on race. We need to have seminars, and programs to get people up to speed on being able to deal with these issues," Eichstedt said.

There are resources for faculty development available in the Funds for Excellence and Teaching Innovation Project. Next summer a Funds for Excellence program is proposed to encourage more race-related courses across the curriculum.

Cedric Rucker, associate dean for student activities, said he feels the race and gender project is a very positive step toward diversity at Mary Washington. However, the college can and should invest more energy toward the goal, Rucker said.

"The institution goes to the point of trying to change its name to make it look more attractive to males. If they can go that far toward that goal—we can be just as diligent in an area where we have a greater deficit."

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# OPINIONS

## Fun At Mary Wash?

There are always complaints from students that there is nothing to do here on MWC's campus. Thanks to the many committees on campus, that is no longer true.

All of these committees deserve a huge hats off for providing a lot of fun, free or low cost entertainment for the student body to enjoy.

For example, kudos to Giant Productions for bringing many good bands to the Underground. At a buck or two a show, students could afford to see quality entertainment not once, but several times.

The Multi-Cultural Fair was a huge hit. With tons of excellent music and performances from different ethnic backgrounds, the campus was rockin' for a few hours. Not to mention the plethora of tasty food and booths selling trinkets and other merchandise for college students and the community to spend their money on.

The Movie Committee brought to the campus a large selection of movies that students would otherwise have to spend ridiculous amounts to see. Where else could you see Jerry McGuire, The English Patient, Scream or Secrets and Lies for one dollar? For movie buffs, Dodd was a little piece of heaven.

Many thanks to the dorms who organized the band showcases. Even though Alveypalooza and Weststock were on the same day, they were both successes. They both presented campus talent and other local bands to the student body for free. The beautiful weather also contributed to the fun day.

The Natural High peer educators should also be congratulated. Not everyone on this campus enjoys downing beers every weekend, so for those who didn't they had an alternative. These folks put together a fun night of games, prizes and food that probably made a few partiers think twice about opening a can of beast.

This semester has been a good one for activities on this campus. All the hard work and dedication that went into coordinating events for this "boring" campus should be commended.

Good work guys!!

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## A Nightmare On Res. Life's Street

### Students Tell Horror Stories Of Selecting Rooms For Next Year

Editor:

1139. That's my number, my housing lottery number, that is. It's all I am to Residence Life, a number.

Apparently, I'm not a good enough number though, because two weeks ago I was one of 40 or so women who left housing without a room for next year.

After waiting in line for three hours in the stuffy Ballroom, we were turned away not only without a room, but without satisfying answers or explanations.

Early in the evening, rumors of a housing shortage began to circulate. However, it wasn't until an ecstatic girl rushed by us exclaiming that she had taken the last room in Russell that our situation became real. Despite efforts by Residence Life to open additional rooms in Ball and Custis, along with medical singles in Jefferson, we still had nowhere to live.

We were put in a futile line leading nowhere. Rick Surita, the Director of Residence Life, stepped before us and told us without any kind of apology, what was already obvious, that there were no more rooms for us.

Someone from our line spoke up. How could this happen if the college guaranteed housing for all four years?

Rick's answer: apparently we are guaranteed housing only if there is 'available space.'



cartoon by Dave McKim

I guess someone forgot to tell me about the "available space" factor when I was looking at this school last year. For me, it was portrayed as one big, happy community where everyone lives on campus. The admissions brochure for next year even says that housing is "provided" for all four years, although some upperclassmen

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Editor:

I realize that you will probably be getting a whole bunch of letters concerning this topic, but hey, let's just add this one to the many.

Residence Life. Once upon a time, those two words may have brought absolutely no thought, at least consciously, to me.

Sure, it is a department that is important to the flow of the college, it even brings people together, but I never

would just burst out in song singing its praises. And I certainly won't now, because now those two words bring to mind complete chaos and a massive sense of deorganization.

The fact that at housing selection two weeks ago, my roommate and I had to stand in line for hours, only to be told that we and about 30-40 others may or may not have housing for the upcoming year.

To be told, oh some people slipped through the system and went twice to see if they could get a better room. Better yet, that those people who had handed in their declaration to continue forms late weren't even penalized, thrown into the lottery system and oops, we forgot that we added them. Maybe that's why you girls don't have a room!

So just sign this slip and come back tomorrow. We'll see what we can do for you.

The utter lack of common sense in Residence Life is a bit frightening. Here we have a class (2000) whose ratio is 70 percent female and 30 percent male. To think that there would be rooms left over after the girls had chosen their rooms was preposterous. And not only did the female class suffer, but so did the males.

Res. Life took away one floor in New and half a floor in Marshall so that the females would have a place

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## Students Should Learn Lesson From Farmer

By Scott Cox  
Guest Columnist

Last semester I asked Professor James Farmer if I could join him in doing a little fishing off his dock. He agreed. We made arrangements for the upcoming Saturday afternoon.

I finally had the opportunity to talk to him one on one and tap into his immense reservoir of knowledge and objective experience through our nation's most controversial times—the sixties. I wanted more than anything else to ask him, "Mr. Farmer, what is your definition of justice?"

Professor Farmer called me that Saturday and cancelled because of high blood pressure. I was disappointed of course, but I realized the answer to my question that evening.

James Farmer is the living definition of justice. This incredible man spent his life fighting against something that should never exist -- hate.

Dr. Farmer was not just fighting racism and for the freedom of African-Americans, he was fighting for the freedom of the entire nation, and its relentless ignorance in assuming, and sometimes trying to prove, that difference equates inferiority.

He was fighting for the freedom

of our minds in a heavily biased society.

Dr. Farmer was simply asking the nation and Congress to live up to its Constitutional promise: that "All men are created equal," and every American's right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Dr. Farmer thought he could end racism through desegregation. But hate, and that's exactly what racism is, runs too deeply into the human psyche to allow legislation to generate human justice.

This problem still exists, and as each day passes, it seems more evident that racism or any injustice does not concern us unless it inconveniences us.

We have not failed as Americans. Russians, blacks, whites, Protestants or Catholics. We have failed as human

beings. We have failed ourselves.

As Dr. Farmer realized, legislation can not propagate human virtue or self-responsibility.

We need to learn from his mistake and stop looking to the President and Congress to solve the problems we can only solve.

If we truly want to end hate, if we truly want to improve our lives, we must first go into the bathroom, turn on the light, and look in the mirror.

We must carry the torch James Farmer and the Civil Rights Movement ignited by destroying our ignorance which breeds fear, in turn breeding hate.

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## Letters to the Editor

### MWC Returns to Recycled Paper

Editor:

The following letter responds to a concern of the Ecology Club at MWC regarding the need to use recycled paper on campus. I submit the response letter for publication.

"Dear Members of the Ecology Club:

I thank you for your letter of March 24, 1997, encouraging the purchase of recycled paper at Mary Washington College. In fact, a conscious decision was made by the MWC business office in 1992 to purchase only recycled paper for our local paper usage, the college was willing to pay the additional pennies per/case in support of recycling initiatives.

Approximately one and a half years ago, the nation realized a paper shortage; during which time, the college experienced unreasonable backorders on our paper orders. The substitution of virgin quality paper was offered to fill a temporary need.

Your letter alerted us to the fact that we did not return to the recycled paper as intended. Effective immediately, all future orders for xerographic paper will be filled using recycled paper. I appreciate the professional manner in which you presented your concern, as well as your support of a very worthwhile cause. If you have additional questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact me."

Any member of the MWC community is welcome to forward

ideas and/or concerns relating to the purchase of goods and services to the Office of Purchasing, GW Hall, room 11.

Erma A. Baker  
Director of Purchasing

### Friday Night Dry Overlooked

Editor:

I was disappointed by last week's edition insofar as it failed to cover a highlight of the previous weekend: Friday Night Dry, sponsored by Natural Highs.

It was an evening of fun for (all I met of) those involved, comprised a plethora of engaging campuswide activities, culminating in a large auction for lots of swell free stuff donated by local businesses and the like.

It was a popular event among the student body, well-deserving of praise.

Friday Night Dry was a successful experience in sobriety and furthermore just a really great time.

Em Rohwer  
freshman

### Bullet Advertised In Poor Taste

Editor:

I realize that this is a liberal arts college, and that the school newspaper is published in order to relate to the students, but the manner in which you have

advertised your desire of opinions is unnecessary and inappropriate.

I'm sure you believe that your use of the word "dammit" in last week's issue is comical and harmless, and respectful in that you didn't include the "n."

In truth and originality, it is blasphemy and distasteful.

So, I'm writing you, that you might take into consideration couth, for instance, and remove it from your advertisement.

Courtney Willinger  
freshman

### Impression of Christ Misleading

Editor:

I am a senior here at MWC, and I am also a concerned Christian. I feel that there exists a trend of thought upon this campus that I feel needs to be addressed. We have the wrong impression of biblical Christianity; it is viewed as narrow or as permissive and accepting.

What sort of Christianity then is this

campus familiar with? I think the most popular and most non-biblical form of Christianity is the one we like to talk about here at MWC. I call it the "feel good" Christianity, it's the kind that does not want to offend nor does it want to make anyone feel that they may be in the wrong.

It's linguo uses the title God instead of Jesus Christ, basically it is watered down Christianity. Jesus himself was not "watered down," and his teachings are where I feel we need to look for a proper understanding of Christianity.

Christ as we all know was a loving and forgiving man. He was most certainly not a "feel good" kind of guy.

He said some pretty harsh things to people, when they were wrong. He calls the teachers of the law and the Pharisees "brood of vipers," because they mislead people with their heavy requirements.

Christ would never accept truth with compromise. He was a peaceful guy, but real peace does not sacrifice truth. If he were in the flesh with us

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- On April 22, there was a fire alarm in Mason Hall on the fourth floor. The cause of the alarm is unknown.
- On April 22, there was a harassing e-mail sent. The situation was referred to the administration.

## VANDALISM

- On April 19, a fire extinguisher was discharged in Trinkle Hall.
- On April 19, a small table was broken in Russell Hall. The item is worth \$85.

- On April 20, in Russell Hall a table was thrown from the second floor to the first floor. The item was worth \$25.

## LARCENY

- On April 21, a state pager was lost or stolen. The item is worth \$25.
- On April 22, a piece of a lock was taken from DuPont Hall.

## DUI/DIP

- On April 18, James Creegan of New Jersey was arrested for DUI at College Avenue and Brent Street.
- On April 23, Russell McFadden of Spotsylvania was charged with possession of marijuana, underage possession of alcohol, and DIP. The driver, Michael Lewis, was also charged with underage possession of alcohol and also driving on a suspended license. The traffic stop occurred at College Avenue and Alvey Drive.

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the committee," said Short. Short is now ex-officio member of the committee, meaning she provides assistance and information when needed and is a member of the Council of Community Values.

In the first formal report ever made by the AA/EEO committee six recommendations were listed. Some of the proposals in the report focused on broad systemic issues such as data collection, hiring regulations, and resources for recruitment. Others, like adding the statement of nondiscrimination to the MWC homepage, were more specific.

One idea that has been discussed at Mary Washington for several years is separating the positions of affirmative action officer and personnel director is conflict of interest.

"Certainly there is some credence to the issue of conflict of interest because personnel and affirmative action are so closely tied," said Short.

"If you have someone complaining about the process to hire. I'm the one who is responsible for monitoring that process as personnel director. Then I turn around on the affirmative action side and may end up defending it," she said.

Short's responsibilities as affirmative action officer concentrate on coordinating affirmative action reports, handling equal employment complaints and lawsuits.

Mary Washington has not written its biannual affirmative action report. This is because State Council of Higher Education of Virginia (SCHEV) has not requested it. Short said the college is still adhering to the 1995 report. Short and Provost Phil Hall felt that affirmative action is not a top priority for the George Allen administration, which may be the reason why the report has not been requested.

Ray said the college needs to take positive steps toward fulfilling what they say they want in words and on paper. "Rather than saying 'gee we'd love to have more highly qualified women and minorities applying to Mary

Washington is the race and gender curriculum requirement passed by the faculty last year. Next fall, incoming freshman will be required to take courses which fall under the areas of writing intensive, speaking intensive, global awareness, environmental awareness, and race and gender awareness.

Craig Vasey, associate professor of philosophy, and Carole Corcoran, associate professor of psychology implemented the race and gender project in 1988 with the help of a \$100,000 SCHEV grant.

During the next four years, the race and gender project received \$49,000 of funding from the college to conduct faculty seminars. These seminars updated interested faculty on the current academic research and theories about race and gender.

This project was nationally heralded in higher education publications and reviews.

The Race, Class and Gender Committee, renamed this year, does not receive its own funding anymore because, the main goal of the project has been achieved, according to Palmer.

"The whole point of the race and gender project, I think, was to develop race and gender to be a part of the curriculum and to be acknowledged. By virtue of the faculty voting, close to unanimously, for a race and gender across the curriculum requirement, we won," Palmer said.

Currently there are 22 courses which have been

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## Campus Activities

• Students can send their extra flex dollars to purchase donations for the Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter. Call Shannon at X4207 with your name, telephone number, flex number, social security number, and amount of the flex dollar donation. Help make your world a better place.

• The Martial Arts Club and Black Belt College of America are co-sponsoring a Martial Arts Tournament on Sat. April 26. The tournament will be held in Goodrick Hall and begins at 10 a. m. Admission, regularly \$ 5, is free with a college ID. Events include creative and music forms, weapons routines, sparring and more! For information, call (703) 347-7266 or Jade at X3199.

• The Ridderhof Martin Gallery will host an exhibit entitled "Works by Former Mary Washington College Art Department Faculty" from April 23 to June 1. The

gallery is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. The exhibition is free.

• The Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra will give a concert in Dodd Auditorium on April 25 at 8 p. m. The concert is free.

• Eight MWC students enrolled in a museum laboratory class have designed and installed an exhibit entitled "Become Enchanted with Germana: Discover the Layers of a Historic Virginia Site." The exhibit will be displayed in the Trinkle Hall Rotunda April 19

• Mary Washington College Chorus will give a free concert entitled "Lighter Side XV" in Dodd Auditorium on April 28 at 7:30 p. m.

Washington College," we should, instead, say how we're going to go about getting them," said Ray. "What's written down and what's believed and pursued and lived are two very different things."

approved to fulfill the race and gender requirement. Of those, only one course specifically deals with race.

That one course is "Sociology of Race and Ethnicity" taught by Assistant Professor of Sociology Jennifer Eichstedt. Eichstedt, also a member of the committee, said the overwhelming number of courses that focus on gender as opposed to race is a problem.

"It's more comfortable for most people to talk about gender issues than to talk about race," Eichstedt said. "I think a lot of white faculty are worried about raising the issue. They're worried because they have their own anxieties about it or they're worried they will say something that a student will think is racist."

For this reason, she feels it is imperative that the college continue to invest resources in its new race and gender requirement.

"The race, class and gender awareness project needs to be able to encourage more courses to focus on race. We need to have seminars, and programs to get people up to speed on being able to deal with these issues," Eichstedt said.

There are resources for faculty development available in the Funds for Excellence and Teaching Innovation Project. Next summer a Funds for Excellence program is proposed to encourage more race-related courses across the curriculum.

Cedric Rucker, associate dean for student activities, said he feels the race and gender project is a very positive step toward diversity at Mary Washington. However, the college can and should invest more energy toward the goal, Rucker said.

"The institution goes to the point of trying to change its name to make it look more attractive to males. If they can go that far toward that goal—we can be just as diligent in an area where we have a greater deficit."

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# OPINIONS

## A Nightmare On Res. Life's Street Students Tell Horror Stories Of Selecting Rooms For Next Year

### Fun At Mary Wash?

There are always complaints from students that there is nothing to do here on MWC's campus. Thanks to the many committees on campus, that is no longer true.

All of these committees deserve a huge hats off for providing a lot of fun, free or low cost entertainment for the student body to enjoy.

For example, kudos to Giant Productions for bringing many good bands to the Underground. At a buck or two a show, students could afford to see quality entertainment not once, but several times.

The Multi-Cultural Fair was a huge hit. With tons of excellent music and performances from different ethnic backgrounds, the campus was rockin' for a few hours. Not to mention the plethora of tasty food and booths selling trinkets and other merchandise for college students and the community to spend their money on.

The Movie Committee brought to the campus a large selection of movies that students would otherwise have to spend ridiculous amounts to see. Where else could you see Jerry McGuire, The English Patient, Scream or Secrets and Lies for one dollar? For movie buffs, Dodd was a little piece of heaven.

Many thanks to the dorms who organized the band showcases. Even though Alveypalooza and Weststock were on the same day, they were both successes. They both presented campus talent and other local bands to the student body for free. The beautiful weather also contributed to the fun day.

The Natural High peer educators should also be congratulated. Not everyone on this campus enjoys downing beers every weekend, so for those who didn't they had an alternative. These folks put together a fun night of games, prizes and food that probably made a few partiers think twice about opening a can of beast.

This semester has been a good one for activities on this campus.

All the hard work and dedication that went into coordinating events for this "boring" campus should be commended.

Good work guys!!

*"All the hard work and dedication that went into coordinating events for this 'boring' campus should be commended."*

Editor:

1139. That's my number, my housing lottery number, that is. It's all I am to Residence Life, a number. Apparently, I'm not a good enough number though, because two weeks ago I was one of 40 or so women who left housing without a room for next year.

After waiting in line for three hours in the stuffy Ballroom, we were turned away not only without a room, but without satisfying answers or explanations.

Early in the evening, rumors of a housing shortage began to circulate. However, it wasn't until an ecstatic girl rushed by us exclaiming that she had taken the last room in Russell that our situation became real. Despite efforts by Residence Life to open additional rooms in Ball and Custis, along with medical singles in Jefferson, we still had nowhere to live.

We were put in a futile line leading nowhere. Rick Surita, the Director of Residence Life, stepped before us and told us without any kind of apology, what was already obvious, that there were no more rooms for us.

Someone from our line spoke up. How could this happen if the college guaranteed housing for all four years?

Rick's answer: apparently we are guaranteed housing only if there is "available space."



cartoon by Dave McKim

I guess someone forgot to tell me about the "available space" factor when I was looking at this school last year. For me, it was portrayed as one big, happy community where everyone lives on campus. The admissions brochure for next year even says that housing is "provided" for all four years, although some upperclassmen

Editor:

I realize that you will probably be getting a whole bunch of letters concerning this topic, but hey, let's just add this one to the many.

Residence Life. Once upon a time, those two words may have brought absolutely no thought, at least consciously, to me.

Sure, it is a department that is important to the flow of the college, it even brings people together, but I never

would just burst out in song singing its praises. And I certainly won't now because now those two words bring to mind complete chaos and a massive sense of disorganization.

The fact that at housing selection two weeks ago, my roommate and I had to stand in line for hours, only to be told that we and about 30-40 others may or may not have housing for the upcoming year.

To be told, oh some people slipped through the system and went twice to see if they could get a better room. Better yet, that those people had handed in their declaration to continue forms late weren't even penalized, thrown into the lottery system, and oops, we forgot that we added them. Maybe that's why you girls don't have a room!

So just sign this slip and come back tomorrow. We'll see what happens for you.

The utter lack of common sense in Residence Life is a bit friggen annoying. Here we have a class (2000) whose ratio is 70 percent female and 30 percent male. To think that there would be rooms left over after the girls had chosen their rooms was preposterous. And not only did the female class suffer, but so did the males.

Res. Life took away one floor in New and half a floor in Marshall so that the females would have a place

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## Students Should Learn Lesson From Farmer

By Scott Cox  
Guest Columnist

Last semester I asked Professor James Farmer if I could join him in doing a little fishing off his dock. He agreed. We made arrangements for the upcoming Saturday afternoon.

I finally had the opportunity to talk to him one on one and tap into his immense reservoir of knowledge and objective experience through our nation's most controversial times—the sixties. I wanted more than anything else to ask him, "Mr. Farmer, what is your definition of justice?"

Professor Farmer called me that Saturday and cancelled because of high blood pressure. I was disappointed of course, but I realized the answer to my question that evening.

James Farmer is the living definition of justice. This incredible man spent his life fighting against something that should never exist — hate.

Dr. Farmer was not just fighting racism and for the freedom of African-Americans, he was fighting for the freedom of the entire nation, and its relentless ignorance in assuming, and sometimes trying to prove, that difference equates inferiority.

He was fighting for the freedom

of our minds in a heavily biased society.

Dr. Farmer was simply asking the nation and Congress to live up to its Constitutional promise—that "All men are created equal," and every American's right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Dr. Farmer thought he could end racism through desegregation. But hate, and that's exactly what racism is, runs too deeply into the human psyche to allow legislation to generate human justice.

This problem still exists, and as each day passes, it seems more evident that racism or its injustice does not concern us unless it inconveniences us.

We have not failed as Americans—Russians, blacks, whites, Protestants or Catholics. We have failed as human

beings. We have failed ourselves.

As Dr. Farmer realized, legislation can not propagate human virtue or self-responsibility. We need to learn from his mistake and stop looking to the President and Congress to solve the problems we can only solve.

If we truly want to end hate, if we truly want to improve our lives, we must first go into the bathroom, turn on the light, and look in the mirror.

We must carry the torch James Farmer and the Civil Rights Movement ignited by destroying our ignorance which breeds fear, in turn breeding hate.

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## Letters to the Editor

### MWC Returns to Recycled Paper

Editor:

The following letter responds to a concern of the Ecology Club at MWC regarding the need to use recycled paper on campus. I submit the response letter for publication.

"Dear Members of the Ecology Club:

I thank you for your letter of March 24, 1997, encouraging the purchase of recycled paper at Mary Washington College. In fact, a conscious decision was made by the MWC business office in 1992 to purchase only recycled paper for our local paper usage, the college was willing to pay the additional pennies per-page in support of recycling initiatives.

Approximately one and a half years ago, the nation realized a paper shortage; during which time, the college experienced unreasonable backorders on our paper orders. The substitution of virgin quality paper was offered to fill a temporary need.

Your letter alerted us to the fact that we did not return to the recycled paper as intended. Effective immediately, all future orders for xerographic paper will be filled using recycled paper. I appreciate the professional manner in which you presented your concern, as well as your support of a very worthwhile cause. If your have additional questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact me."

Any member of the MWC community is welcome to forward

ideas and/or concerns relating to the purchase of goods and services to the Office of Purchasing, GW Hall, room 11.

Erma A. Baker

Director of Purchasing

### Friday Night Dry Overlooked

Editor:

I was disappointed by last week's edition insofar as it failed to cover a highlight of the previous weekend: Friday Night Dry, sponsored by Natural Highs.

It was an evening of fun for (all I met of) those involved, comprised a plethora of engaging campuswide activities, culminating in a large auction for lots of swell free stuff donated by local businesses and the like.

It was a popular event among the student body, well-deserving of praise.

Friday Night Dry was a successful experience in sobriety and furthermore just a really great time.

Em Rohwer

freshman

### Bullet Advertised In Poor Taste

Editor:

I realize that this is a liberal arts college, and that the school newspaper is published in order to relate to the students, but the manner in which you have

advertised your desire of opinions is unnecessary and inappropriate.

I'm sure you believe that your use of the word "dammit" in last week's issue is comical and harmless, and respectful in that you didn't include the "n."

In truth and originality, it is blasphemous and distasteful.

So, I'm writing you, that you might take into consideration couch, for instance, and remove it from your advertisement.

Courtney Willinger

freshman

### Impression of Christ Misleading

Editor:

I am a senior here at MWC, and I am also a concerned Christian. I feel that there exists a trend of thought upon this campus that I feel needs to be addressed. We have the wrong impression of biblical Christianity; it is viewed as narrow or as permissive and accepting.

What sort of Christianity then is this

campus familiar with? I think the most popular and most un-biblical form of Christianity is the one we like to talk about here at MWC. I call it the "feel good" Christianity, it's the kind that does not want to offend nor does it want to make anyone feel that they may be in the wrong.

It's lingo uses the title God instead of Jesus Christ, basically it is watered down Christianity. Jesus himself was not "watered down," and his teachings are where I feel we need to look for a proper understanding of Christianity.

Christ as we all know was a loving and forgiving man. He was most certainly not a "feel good" kind of guy.

He said some pretty harsh things to people, when they were wrong. He calls the teachers of the law and the Pharisees "brood of vipers," because they misled people with their heavy requirements.

Christ would never accept truth with compromise. He was a peaceful guy, but real peace does not sacrifice truth. If he were in the flesh with us

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# FEATURES

## Student Subject to Double Jeopardy

By Christopher Van Horn  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Next time you turn on the television game show "Jeopardy!," look for Mary Washington College junior Lina Marunas. Marunas has tried out for the show once already and has been invited to try out again. She tried out for the first time for the College Student Challenge, one of "Jeopardy!"'s thematic shows.

On October 22nd, 1995, Marunas woke up at four o'clock in the morning to get on a train that would transport her to the College Jeopardy! tryouts in New York City. Earlier that month, Marunas had received a letter saying that she had been randomly selected to try out for "Jeopardy!." Her mother had sent in her name when she saw that they were taking college entries for an upcoming show.

"My mom has always been a huge 'Jeopardy!' fan. She has always said, 'You can be on it; you can win all this money,'" said Marunas.

Show officials randomly select to try out for the show a thousand names out of all the postcards they receive. Marunas had her reservations about making the trip to New York just to try out for a game show.

"I didn't know if it was a good idea because I would have to go to New York and I didn't think I could make the trip," said Marunas.

After talking to her mom, though, the decision was easy.

"My mom said, 'You have to go. It will be such a good experience,'" said Marunas.

The tryouts were held in the banquet room of a big hotel.

"When it got started, they played a tape of fifty questions, just like on the show. Alex read them off on the tape. There were those blue screens and everything," said Marunas.

Each of the questions came from one of 50 different categories. The test was designed to test the students' speed in answering the questions. The contestants had only 15 minutes to answer the 50 questions.

However, according to Marunas, the test that was given was not extremely difficult. The questions were all things that Marunas knew.

"It's not that the questions were tough, but it was hard because they would flash the question and you had to write the answer as fast as possible. The whole thing is how fast you can answer," said Marunas.

Marunas was one of many trying out and said that she had some tough competition.

"There were a lot of college kids wearing their college sweatshirts. A lot of the people were from schools around New York. It was weird because only one girl made it and the rest were guys," she said.

Marunas also noticed that there were some students there who were obviously more prepared for the test.

"The guy in front of me must have known what was up because he was one of the ones who made it and he never stopped writing the whole time," Marunas said.

When the test was complete Marunas was satisfied with her performance. When she exited the testing area, there was a rumor that Alex Trebek himself would be there for the tryout. She then heard someone say that there was a special guest coming.

"After they said that I knew Alex was there. While they were correcting the test he came out and talked to



Photo courtesy of Lina Marunas

Lina Marunas gets cozy with Alex Trebek after the Jeopardy! tryouts in New York.

us. It was funny because he talked about education and how we should stay in school."

After talking with Alex Trebek, Marunas noted that he was not the same person as he is on television, but a lot more down to earth.

"He was really nice and personable. He wasn't brainy or nerdy but he knows everything," Marunas said.

Marunas also heard some nice things about him.

"They told us he reads encyclopedias in his spare time and knows everything. They say he starts rattling off facts sometimes that no one has ever heard of," said Marunas.

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**Members of the Junior Liberation Front prepare for another ambush. The five freshmen and one junior want old Ring Week traditions to make a comeback.**

Matt Galeone/Bulletin

## Juniors Protected By Anonymous Avengers

By Matt Galeone  
Bulletin Staff Writer

The sun has set. Darkness has befallen Mary Washington College. A junior screams in the night. Ripped from her bed, she is being dragged down Campus Walk, hog-tied to an unyielding wooden pole. She's been smeared in who knows what and is on her way to an undesired bath in the fountain's all-too-cold waters.

But, suddenly, this junior's luck changes. Emerging from the darkest shadows of campus, the Junior Liberation Front has come to the rescue of Marliese Milson, only these rescuers do not wear red t-shirts. The JLF wears black.

Disguised with masks, the JLF descends upon the pranksters and foils the Junior Ring Week efforts in a flood of squirt guns and water balloons. They leave the soaking attackers behind them in the darkness and escort Milson to safety.

"My heroes, heroes in black," said Milson. "I didn't realize they were coming up behind us. These guys started throwing water balloons. Before I knew what was happening, I was free and my friends were soaked. I asked who they were and they said, 'We are here to help.' They were really funny, really nice. They were my black knights."

Who are these black knights? Who stands behind the masks of the newly established JLF? They number six, and their self-appointed names are: Red Five, Tunnel Rat, Chuckles, M.C. Fluffy, Sindel, and Vegeta.

All members, except their leader, junior Red Five, are freshmen. Their purpose: to make Ring Week a safer week for all juniors.

Sitting in the JLF's headquarters, Red Five's dorm room, the group is loud. So loud I can hear them down the hall in the room where I am interviewing their members.

Star Wars action figures and posters of comic book heroes such as Captain America and the X-Men's Wolverine decorate the room. "Crime and Punishment," Red Five's favorite book, sits atop the desk.

"We decided to take matters into our own hands," said Red Five, his code name either a fairly obscure reference to Luke Skywalker's squadron call sign in "Star Wars," or his flaming red hair. "It just seems the point of ring week shouldn't be to embarrass and ridicule. Some of the stuff seems pretty insulting, demeaning. We decided to do what we could to prevent the hazing."

Fluffy, who got his name from a stuffed animal on the TV show "Unhappily Ever After," echoed his leader.

"It seemed like a good idea to get people who were getting juniors. A lot of the people haven't been juniors yet, haven't gone through it. We wanted to give those people a taste of their own medicine," he said.

According to Vegeta, who named himself after a Japanese animation cartoon character, the JLF made approximately 10 other similar rescues throughout the week. They also escorted one junior, who had been threatened, from Seacobeck to their room.

Other than the rescues, the group stalked non-juniors who looked suspicious of prank planning, and took down fliers insulting or embarrassing juniors.

"The scandalous fliers and character assassinations we took down," said Chuckles. "There was just blatant pornography all over the place."

Vegeta, smiling brightly and fidgeting in his "Speed Racer" tee-shirt, describes one night's efforts to remove the fliers.

"We followed one guy around. He didn't see us. As he put them up, we just took them right down."

For Tunnel Rat, who served as the group's propagandist and adopted his name from a G.I. Joe action figure, the JLF's efforts are more focused on tradition.

"The old tradition was to take juniors out to dinner and give them presents. That's obviously shifted," said Tunnel Rat.

Junior Ring Week traditions also at one time dictated that freshmen and sophomores protect juniors from seniors' pranks.

"It [the JLF] is trying to bring back the old by fighting the twisted new," said Tunnel Rat. "Our goals are to protect and emancipate juniors during the week, stop the public humiliation."

The JLF voluntarily patrolled campus from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. during each night of Ring Week. The group only broke up pranks where the junior requested help.

"We'd ask if the person wanted help. If they didn't mind the prank, we left them alone. If they wanted to be liberated, we did just that," said Fluffy.

What was the JLF's reaction to the administration's red-tee-shirted "Rescuers?"

"The red shirts were so ineffective," said Fluffy. "I saw red shirts getting hazed, or just standing by."

Sindel, the only, and as she jokes, the "token" female of the group, added, "They were a good effort, but didn't do too much. I only saw one. He was a puny freshman."

Will the JLF continue their efforts next year?

"Probably," says Red Five. "Yeah, actually we will, so don't use our names!"

Sindel, who adopted her name from a "Mortal Kombat" character, agrees.

"I think we'll do it next year," she says. "We'd probably get more people, maybe start a new tradition. It was kind of a high, the kind you get whenever you help people."

They may not be COAR, but until Ring Week is reformed, it looks like the JLF's good deeds will continue.

## MWC Comes Through For Jane X

### Campus events raise nearly \$4000 for sick student

By Kara Eller  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Remember all those benefits, raffles, and bake sales held to raise money for "Jane X" over the past few months? Well, none of those efforts were in vain. On Friday, the Willard Hall Council will present to Jane's family a check for approximately \$4000 to cover a portion of the extensive medical bills resulting from the bone marrow transplant Jane received at the end of February.

According to Jane's RA, Ronnette Cooper, Jane has elected to remain anonymous among MWC students until she has fully recuperated.

"She never wants to be known as the sick person; she wants to be known as someone who's beaten it [cancer]...someone who's gone beyond what's expected, and that's what she deserves to be known as," Cooper said.

Assuming that all continues to progress smoothly, Jane is looking to return to campus in the spring of 1998; she simply will not have enough energy to be here in the fall.

Jane was released from the hospital around March 28, approximately two weeks before doctors expected. Jane was also taken out of her "bubble" of isolation, in which the entire environment was completely sterile, a few days prior to her discharge from the hospital.

Doctors think that the transplant went very well and so far Jane's condition is good, although her physical activity is still very limited.

"She has gone out into public a couple of times and one of my residents told me she even made her first appearance at a softball game the other day; she was a very big softball player [prior to her illness]," said Cooper.

Although she is out of the hospital, Jane is not out of the woods yet.

"Things could go wrong at any minute and we all know that," Cooper said. Jane keeps in touch with her floor, Willard 2nd Back, via e-mail and counts each day as a blessing. She continues to express her gratitude to MWC for all its support.

The bake sale and raffle together raised almost \$800. Cooper expressed her surprise over such high totals.

"I never imagined to make \$800 on the bake sale and raffle alone. I think at the beginning of the week our goal was \$250 and we made that in the first day. I looked at my residents and said, 'Ladies, I think we need a new goal,'" she said.

The benefit concert alone, held on March 1 in the Underground, brought in \$811. Once again, Cooper was impressed with the success of the event.

"The bands that played at the benefit were tremendous. I can't express how pleased I am with their performances and the people who came out to support their efforts," she said.

Cooper was not the only one to praise the benefit; several people shared her sentiment. Junior Andy Myers, a member of the band Stealing Pears and a resident of Jane's hall, enjoyed the chance to perform at the benefit.

"We [Stealing Pears] love to play and this was a good opportunity to put that playing to use. It meant a lot to be asked to do that, and once we saw the thermometer go up we knew we were serving a real purpose," she said.

One band, Don't Panic, experienced the benefit as their first appearance together as a four-man band. Freshman band member Jay Harward was excited about the

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Photo courtesy of Emily Shanaberger

Members of the MWC Dance Company rehearse for their spring performance. The piece pictured is "Crazy," choreographed by junior Emily Shanaberger. The show is open to the public this Thurs. and Sat. at 8 p.m. A Fringe Festival pass, good for all performing arts events this weekend, can be purchased at the Klein Theatre box office for a mere \$5.



# Students Shine at National Conference

By Daniel Tassew  
Bulletin Staff Writer

At this year's Annual Conference of the African Literature Association, which was held April 16-19 in East Lansing, Mich., there were a few surprises. They came in the form of three Mary Washington College independent study students.

Seniors Joshua Hehner and Kate Dube and junior Sarah Leedom were chosen by the Association to present original papers on feminism and African female authors.

This conference rarely plays host to a panel of students; this was only the second time in the conference's twenty-three-year history that undergraduates were chosen to read papers.

The first occasion was in 1993, and Mary Washington students were included then, too.

Not only was the audience

impressed that the presenters were students, but it was also struck by the professional quality of the work and its presentation.

"The students received no special treatment and during discussion were able to sustain questions coming from the very critics and professors they were quoting [in their papers]...Afterwards the same critics and professors were applauding and giving the students a thumbs up," said Tadesse Adera, associate professor of English at Mary Washington.



Adera supervised the students' independent study programs and headed the panel at the conference. Audience members weren't the only ones surprised; students who had worried about the event also had pleasant experiences.

"I was worried that there would be intellectual snobbery, but everyone at the conference was very supportive," said Hehner. However, not everyone saw the conference outcome as a surprise. "Mary Washington students are at the forefront in this venue of learning,

where they take an active responsibility for their learning, where they can, working with the faculty, design their own learning experience. Our students excel at this," said Provost Philippe Hill.

The success of the conference was noted by Margaret Mock, of the Office of College Relations and Legislative Affairs.

"Our job is to get the word out about how exceptional Mary Washington students are, and the success and visibility Joshua, Sarah and Kate have enjoyed makes that job much easier," said Mock.

The conference seemed to be a success on all levels, but the most enthusiastic responses came from the student presenters themselves.

"To have a semester's work culminate in this way, to be able to present our work and get feedback on it, was really a worthwhile experience," said Dube.

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When the testing was complete they chose for the next round five out of the 70 students that tried out. Marunas was not one of the five. That was fine with her, though.

"I wasn't really nervous or mad I didn't make it, it was just something I wanted to do. I knew if I didn't try out I would regret it later," she said.

Marunas returned to Mary Washington that evening, after disappearing for the day. None of Marunas' friends had any idea why she was gone.

Adrian Snedeker, a close friend of Marunas', awoke that morning to meet Marunas for breakfast. Snedeker went to her room only to find Marunas missing.

"When we woke up, she was gone.

We had no idea where she was, when she left or when she was coming back. It was actually kind of scary," said Snedeker.

Not even Marunas' roommate, Felicity Smith, knew why she was leaving.

"I didn't want to tell anyone because I didn't want to make it a big deal. I figured I would tell everyone after. I told my roommate not to worry about it when I left at four in the morning. I said, 'I am going to New York and my parents know about it.' She asked me why I was going, and I said, 'I'll tell you when I get back,'" Marunas said.

Smith came up with a few scenarios of her own for why Marunas had left.

"We thought she had met someone over Fall Break and was going to elope with him. Then we all thought she was in trouble with the police or something," said Smith.

When Marunas returned, none of her friends believed that she had tried out for "Jeopardy!" and were a little mad at her disappearance.

Marunas' friends believed her once she revealed the picture she'd had taken with Alex Trebek.

Just recently, Marunas has been asked back for another tryout. This time it will be for the General Adult show. The tryouts are set to take place in Washington, D.C. on May 5th. Thanks to her mom, Marunas has already had a lot of practice. "My mom watches ['Jeopardy!']

religiously. Every time it comes on at home I watch it with her. We always try to answer the questions. Every time it is over, she says she thinks I should be on it; she thinks I would win," said Marunas.

As Marunas prepares for her second tryout, the nerves and excitement are starting to set in.

"I think it is going to be harder. The college tryout is one thing but the adult tryout will be a lot harder," said Marunas.

Even though the next tryout is during exams, Marunas says that that is not going to stop her.

"I wasn't going to go because it is kind of a hassle, but I figure it will be worth it. It is something that not many people get to do."

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experience.

"I can't think of a better opportunity for our debut," he said. "Our friends may have come to see us play, not knowing that it was a benefit, but they left with a deeper appreciation of how lucky all of us really are."

Harward also pointed out how uplifting the event was, despite the serious reason that the students were there.

CeCe Gibson, a halfmate of Jane's, was impressed by how smoothly things ran at the benefit.

"I thought Marty [Malloy] did an excellent job in organizing the event and I was awestruck at how much we

raised; the support was awesome," she said.

The funds continue to flow in for Jane's cause. On Fri., April 11, the Natural Highs Peer Educators sponsored "Friday Night Dry," which raised money for Jane. The alcohol-free events included a pie-throwing contest held by Marye House.

For the price of one dollar, participants could smash a pie in the face of administrators like Keith Pepin and Ray Tuttle, assistant directors of Residence Life; Rick Surita, director of Residence Life; or Bernard Chirico, vice president of student affairs. This contributed another \$35 to Jane's cause.

Private donations also factor into the grand total raised. St. George's Episcopal Church sent a check for \$500, and various students, staff and faculty members have contributed money.

Willard Hall Council, led by Clint McCarthy, president, and Debbie Henderson, treasurer, is managing the funds raised by all of these events, as well as individual donations.

Cooper has also received several letters from Mary Washington students, faculty, and staff who have had experiences with the pain and burden of cancer.

One such letter was from the nighttime police dispatcher here at

MWC. She wrote of the loss of two of her children; one died of leukemia and the other after a double transplant. The fact that this woman took the time to show her support for Jane pleased Cooper.

"It really made my day and the residents' day. Here's a lady who knows what cancer can do and instead of holding all her grief inside, she sends a letter of encouragement, passing on hope and healing to us," Cooper said.

Jane's condition is also spreading cancer awareness on the Mary Washington campus. Suzanne Sumner, assistant professor of mathematics, spoke in Willard Hall

# THUMBS...

a features column by the Bulletin staff

UP



to the fact that a Fringe Festival pass is only \$5

to the upcoming dry Senior "Toast"

DOWN



UP



to the ska fest coming up this Tuesday

DOWN



to the "University of the Chesapeake"

UP



to Devil Goat Day, the one MWC tradition that hasn't been broken yet.

DOWN



to the decision to cancel the MWC Dance Company after this semester

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## SPORTS

Sports  
BriefsBullet Player of the  
WeekKirsten Erickson  
Women's Tennis

Erickson, who helped lead MWC to a 15-3 regular season record, was named CAC player of the year this weekend. She easily won the number one singles flight at the CAC championships Saturday and Sunday, and then won her last match of the regular season against Sweet Briar 6-1, 6-4. In doubles, Erickson combined with Leah Morris to win both the CACs and against Sweet Briar.

## Softball

The Eagle softball team completed its regular season record with an 11-24 record after splitting a doubleheader against Western Maryland. MWC lost the first game 14-9. The team was led by Susanne Eymer and Janet Oldis, who each contributed with two hits.

The second game was dominated by the pitching of Stephanie Barnhouse, who shut-out Western Maryland 2-0. The Eagles will next travel to Salisbury State to play in the CAC tournament which starts on Saturday.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to a shortage in staff writers, the Bulletin Sports Section has been unable to properly cover softball this semester. This problem will be absolutely remedied next year.)



Karen Pearlman

MWC sophomore Tim Martin in action during weekend CAC competition. Martin and the men's team finished second (see right).

## Upcoming Events

## Men's Tennis

May 16-19 South Region at Emory

## Women's Tennis

May 15-18 NCAA Tournament

## Men's Lacrosse

April 26 vs. St. Mary's College  
at the Battleground 1 p.m.

## Outdoor Track

April 26 at CAC Championship Meet  
at Salisbury State 10 a.m.

## Women's Lacrosse

April 25 at CAC Semifinals, 4 p.m.

April 27 at CAC Finals 1 p.m.

## Softball

April 26 CAC Tournament/TBA

## Baseball

April 24-26 CAC Playoffs at MWC

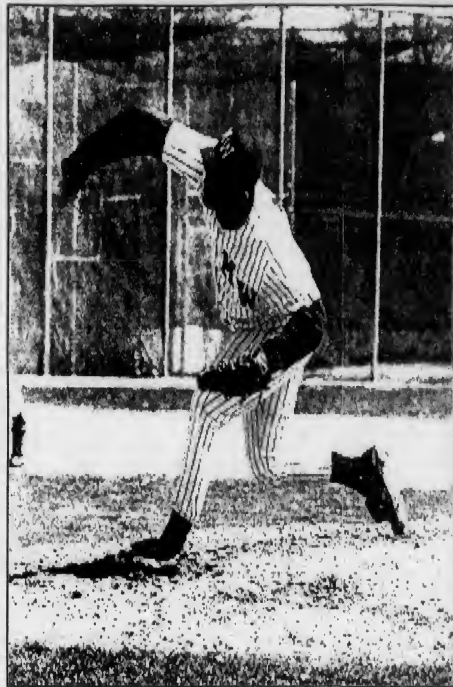
May 10 at NC Wesleyan College,  
3:30 p.m.

May 14-18 NCAA Regional  
Tournament/TBA

May 22-27 NCAA Div. III World  
Series/TBA

## Number One? No Problem

MWC Baseball Rallies, Knocks Off Top-Ranked NC Wesleyan 3-2



File Photo

MWC hurler Tony Saitta unleashes a pitch against Catholic on Saturday. The Eagles won that game 3-1, and then defeated number one ranked NC Wesleyan 3-2 on Tuesday.

MWC Tennis  
Shines In CACs

By Jason Schultz  
Bulletin Assistant News Editor

The men's and women's tennis teams both vied for CAC championships at MWC this weekend. For both teams, the only competition was Salisbury State University. The men came up second behind Salisbury State 54-29, while the women took all nine flights of their tournament to win with 54 total points.

The CAC tournament was organized differently from other tournaments held at Mary Washington this year. As sophomore Tim Martin, who plays No. 2 on the men's singles ladder explained it, the CAC tournament is a little like nine simultaneous tournaments at once. All the players at No. 1 singles for each team played each other in a single elimination flight, as did all the players at No. 2 and so on. The doubles teams played in the same manner.

For the women, it was a story of being almost in a separate league. They swept all six singles flights and the three doubles flights. Only one match of the entire weekend, the final match of sophomore Kelley Gallagher at No. 4 singles, went to three sets, while all the other matches were straight set victories. The Eagles had an inkling that it might be this way coming into the tournament.

"We never like to think anything is automatic," CAC Coach of the Year Ed Hegmann said, "but we felt we would do well [in the CACs]."

Along with the Eagles' stunning victory, giving them yet their second consecutive CAC title, they also swept the awards for the conference this year. Freshman Jyoti Schlesinger won Rookie of the Year even though she didn't know that it was an award, and junior Kirsten

Erickson won CAC Player of the Year. These accomplishments, and their 9-0 blanking of Sweet Briar College on April 22, further cement the fact that, according to Hegmann, MWC women's tennis is on the way to becoming a powerful national force once again.

*"We never like to think anything is automatic, but we felt we would do well [in the CACs]."*

-Coach Ed Hegmann,  
Women's Tennis

Hegmann, who won NCAA titles in 1982, '88, and '89, said this team had managed to put together the best record since 1992, at 11-3, and finally broken into the top 14 teams in the country. When combined with the fact that the women are 5-1 against Division I opponents like Georgetown and American University, Hegmann said it was likely they would go to the national finals in May.

He said he also hoped that Erickson was selected to the individual singles finals, and that Erickson and her partner sophomore Leah Morris have a chance to earn a birth to the national doubles finals as well.

Hegmann stressed the importance of the depth on this women's team. He said the team play of his two seniors, Jaime Evans and Jen Cogar at the bottom of the singles ladder are a major reason why the Eagles are in the position they are now.

With all those pieces playing together, and after sweeping up the field like they did this weekend, Gallagher said that the team not only expected to go to nationals in May, but to do well there.

"I'm so excited," she said. "It's been our goal all year, and it's in California, which is also great. Our goal is now to do well there, and we think we can do it. I mean we weren't miles behind Emory [St. Henry University], the defending champions and No. 1 team in the nation] when we played them."

Until then, Gallagher said, the ladies would continue practicing and preparing to take all their exams in anticipation of an invitation to California on May 4.

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By Jamie Deaton

Bullet Assistant Sports Editor

The MWC baseball team completed their regular season Tuesday in dramatic fashion by defeating North Carolina Wesleyan, which entered the game ranked number one in the nation. The Eagles trailed 2-1 going into the eighth inning, but rallied to score two runs and earn a mildly surprising 3-2 victory. Senior pitcher Jeff Hootselle received the victory, pitching a complete game. With the win, Hootselle improved his record to 10-0 for the year.

Tenth ranked MWC was led offensively by senior catcher Nathan Payne, senior center fielder Jin Wong, and sophomore left fielder Aaron Vradenburgh. Payne tied the school season record for RBIs with 41 and scored two runs in the game. Payne's RBI scored Wong, who reached base with a leadoff double in the eighth inning. Vradenburgh contributed with two RBIs.

Earlier in the week MWC completed their Capital Athletic Conference regular season schedule with a solid 3-1 win over the Catholic Cardinals on Saturday. The win meant that the Eagles finished first in the conference this year with a 9-1 record.

Freshman pitcher Tony Saitta turned in an impressive performance to get the win. Saitta pitched 7 2/3 innings, gave up one run on only four hits, and had four strikeouts. Although Saitta walked six batters and was often in trouble, he showed tremendous composure on the mound.

"I just kind of beared down and started hitting my spots," said Saitta.

In the first inning, Catholic loaded the bases with only one out. However, Saitta struck out the next batters to escape.

While Catholic had little trouble getting runners on the basepaths, they were not able to hit in clutch situations. In all, the Cardinals led nine men on base, which proved to be one of the deciding factors in the game.

"I feel like I have a pretty good curve

ball and I don't know where it's been lately," said Saitta of the large number of runners he allowed. Despite the lack of a curve ball, however, Saitta continually frustrated Catholic batters when runners were on base.

In the seventh inning Saitta loaded the bases but once again got out of trouble relatively unscathed. First basemen Bryan Walsh scored Catholic's only run in that inning, with the run coming off of a sacrifice RBI by third basemen Tom Ruggieri.

The Eagles' offensive attack was led by sophomore first basemen Eric Guyton. Guyton had three hits, which included a towering home run in the fourth inning. He also contributed two RBIs and scored twice.

Although MWC only scored three runs, they kept constant pressure on Catholic. In the seventh inning MWC threatened to extend their lead when sophomore shortstop Adam Natsyns led off the inning with a double.

"It was a curve ball that just hung there and I was able to turn on it," said Natsyns of his hit. However, with Natsyns on second and no outs MWC could not score.

In the eighth inning sophomore Vradenburgh extended the Eagles lead to 3-1 with an RBI single. Guyton, who singled earlier in the inning, scored the run. Junior pitcher Kevin Losty relieved Saitta to get the save for the Eagles. Losty pitched 1 1/3 innings, retired four batters in a row, and got two strikeouts.

Catholic pitcher Brian Bickerton received the loss. Bickerton pitched strong, striking out five batters, but received little run support. He also made a critical error in the eighth inning as he overthrew second base. This eventually led to Guyton scoring, which came off of Vradenburgh's hit.

The Eagles will host the CAC playoffs which begin this Saturday. The team enters the playoffs with a 26-4 record and a three game winning streak that includes a non-conference, 3-2 win over Wilmington College on Sunday.



Karen Pearlman

## Softball Mania at MWC

MWC's Janet Oldins lunges for a putout during weekend action.

1997 In Sports:  
Good, Bad, & Ugly

By Aaron Isaacson and  
Josh VanDyck

Bullet Sports Capo di Tutti Capis

Here's a quick recap of this semester's sports world (contents edited for violence):

**The Packers won the Super Bowl.** MVP Desmond Howard went to Oakland (following ex-MVP Larry Brown), and Andre Rison got cut. We just hope new Minnesota Viking Randall Cunningham isn't MVP next year, because the Raiders already have a punter.

**MWC men's basketball won more games than it lost.** Congratulations, because you've earned it. 10 years of losing is more than anyone (except the Philadelphia 76ers) can stand. New coach Rod Wood did a great job after stepping in, and the Eagles responded. With four starters returning,

things certainly look promising for next year.

**Mike Tyson didn't fight.** Of course he didn't. He stubbed his toe. Too bad, because I wanted to see Evander Holyfield kick his ass again.

**Dennis Rodman became a professional wrestler.** Forget the Bulls, NWO is the team to beat in the NBA Playoffs. Have you seen Hulk Hogan's/Hollywood's jumper?

**The Utah Jazz again win "Most Boring Team" award.** Pick-and-rolls, "Glam-Jams," and Greg Ostertag. How can you beat that? It's like Derek Harper said: "Do you wanna live in Utah?" We don't Derek.

The Bullets made the playoffs! What is

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For the men, it was just a case of too much Salisbury State. While the women met and defeated Salisbury State in the finals of each flight, the men's flights were swept by Salisbury State, with an MWC male finishing second in most flights.

Four singles players got to the finals: Martin, senior Brad Burch, junior Jason Fusaro and freshman Jay Nelson. Two doubles teams, Burch and freshman Jason Vickers, and Nelson and Martin reached the finals in their flights.

"It was an expected outcome," Coach Roy Gordon said. "Salisbury is now third in the nation and they beat us 7-0 a few weeks ago, so its not a surprise. I mean you always want to win, but sometimes you just have to recognize the talent out there, and with

that being said, I think the guys still put on a very good showing, very competitive."

Gordon explained that Salisbury was the main power in the conference because two years ago, the new coach brought in seven new players, and they were all strong.

"They are just a bunch of good individual players," Martin said. "From one to six, there wasn't one player on that team I would have wanted to play."

For his efforts this season and this weekend, Martin earned the men's CAC Rookie of the Year award. Martin said he really didn't expect the award since there are several strong rookie players out there, but felt it was certainly nice of the conference to give this award to him.

With their regular season now over, the men stand at 11-5. They are eighth in the region, and eight teams from the region will be selected to go to the regional tournament, from which the top two finishers will advance to the national championships. Gordon said that there is an outside chance that the rankings will shift this week, but if they do not, it is likely the team will go to the regionals on May 5.

So the men's season is not over and although they did not take the conference, they can still do bigger and better things later on. Meanwhile the women stand poised to run roughshod over the competition next month, just as they have all season and just as they did this weekend.



Karen Pearlman

Senior Jen Cogar winning her match during the CAC tennis tournament last weekend.

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that, George, cabbage? Yes, the Bullets made the playoffs for the first time in ten years. By the way, does anybody else feel that the relationship between Juwan Howard and Chris Webber is a bit too juicy? They hug after every basket...even during layup drills. God knows what the next step in their relationship will be if the Bullets actually win a playoff series...

**Va. Tech is policing its athletes now.** That is, they are now requiring that members of the football team actually attend the university. Coach Frank Beamer came out with a statement saying that there will be stricter rules for his athletes, which include: No beating up on track stars, unless they really deserve it, no bar fights unless there are no cops around and they know they'll win, and positively no more unauthorized abductions of campus co-eds.

**Aaron and Ethan got their asses kicked at Santa Fe.** You fellas were just lucky that that old guy was too drunk to hold his cue.

Fuzzy Zoeller ate his foot. Fuzz,

Tiger went to Stanford. They don't eat fried chicken and collard greens at Stanford. Do your homework next time you make an offensive remark. And what do you have against collard greens, anyway? I love collard greens.

**Roberto Alomar shook John Hirschbeck's hand.** Well, sort of. While no one was looking, Roberto spit on his hand, simulating the handshake of the Cool Panthers, a 3rd grade gang from Vinton, VA. Jokes on you, John!

**MWC baseball beat the number one team.** Good luck in the Series, fellas.

**Women's basketball went professional.** We just got word that the WNBA is trying to recruit Dennis Rodman and Calbert Cheaney. Great, guys. A transvestite and a wimp. Who's next, Charles Smith? (Nah, rumor has it the league saw Smith's 1993 playoff performance against the Bulls, where he missed five layups in a row, and decided not to sign him).

**The Cubs started the season in AA.** They have since been promoted to AAA, and are awaiting a September call-up to the majors.

**Victor Page went pro.** Great, no more "Page Scores 29 as Hoyas Lose" headlines. It's a shame that Victor will have to give up summer-school to attend NBA minicamp. We believe he would've graduated early otherwise. NBA Scouting Report: No right hand, bad jumper, horrible orthodontics.

**Shawn Kemp was accused of being an alcoholic.** It was reported that he was late to practice because he had been out drinking something like eight beers the night before. Shawn, I've delivered children with eight beers in my system. Eight beers won't even get you on the backgammon table at Charles St. Instead of spending your free time sulking about the fact that you don't make as much money as Jim "Ch-Ching" McIlvaine, go to the bars. If I had your salary, I'd be drunk from sunup to sundown. Heck, B.C. doesn't even have a job and he's drunk from sunup to sundown.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Springtime Ska-Fest Skanks Into Town

By Caroline Weaver  
Bulletin Entertainment Editor

If there's one thing that anyone who's been to a concert at Mary Washington College will tell you, it's that people don't dance. Usually. In the past, however, much of any dancing has been done to the tune of ska—that sped-up mutant grandchild of reggae.

Fans of the genre, which varies widely in style, will rejoice at the news of Giant Productions' springtime ska-fest, slated to take place at the Underground the evening of Tuesday, April 29 and featuring not one, not two, but three bands!

The Scofflaws, a brilliantly horn-infested old-school ska outfit from the Big Apple, will be headlining. Unlike other ska bands, especially third- and fourth-wave, the Scofflaws seamlessly integrate all manner of superb horn-playing (alto, baritone, tenor saxophone and trombone) into their music, instead of using it as a cursory accent.

Another plus is the band's un-self-conscious wit. On their 1991 self-titled Moon Records release, they perform brass-up renditions of Leonard Bernstein's "The Man with the Golden Arm" (the theme to Frank Sinatra's celluloid vehicle of the same name) and Danny Elfman's theme to the film "Pee Wee's Big Adventure."



Photo by Chris Exxon

L to R: Jim Fernt and Steve Petix of the G.L.G. Twenties

Don't forget, this album came out in '91, post-Pee Wee porno theater/masturbation scandal. It's obvious that Pee Wee's fall from grace only endeared him more to the Scofflaws' hearts.

The Velvetens, from Northern Va., and the Ocean City, Md.-based G.L.G. Twenties (soon to record an album for Dill Records, fellow ska band Skankin' Pickle's home label) will precede the Scofflaws.

Incidentally, one of the G.L.G.s, alto saxophonist/vocalist Kristy Lupejkis, calls Mary Washington College home—but only reluctantly, and only until she graduates in May with a degree in historic preservation.

I recently had the opportunity to chitchat with Lupejkis about her band, and she let me in on some telling insights. First, the significance of the band's moniker:

"In the movie 'Spies Like Us,' with Dan Aykroyd and Chevy Chase, there are spies, like 007's, only they're called 'G.L.G. 20's,' and they're really stupid, they suck. That's why we chose the name," Lupejkis explained, revealing a refreshingly un-serious, self-deprecating nonchalance.

At the moment, Lupejkis said, there are six other G.L.G.s besides her in the band (Matt Hoy, drums; Steve Petix, baritone sax/vocals; Dana, guitar; Nico Yampieri, trumpet; Steve Huston, bass; and Jim Fernt, toaster), although the number changes. The G.L.G.s have been in existence for about a year, but some members have come and gone. Their original guitarist, Hot Roast, recently left for New York to be a fitness trainer.

Lupejkis and Petix met in Buffalo, N.Y. in 1991, when, at age 17, she joined his hardcore band Power Trip, who were then looking to explore the realm of ska. A mutual friend introduced Petix to Lupejkis, a classically-trained horn player of over 13 years. Lupejkis said that Power Trip disbanded sometime around 1994, but she still clearly maintains fond memories of the band.

"It was really cool because it was very hardcore-based, and I liked that. It was pretty much my first introduction to ska, and it was fast, which was great because I'd always

hated slow stuff," Lupejkis said. "It was a way for me to incorporate my classical training and love for big-band and swing music with my hardcore background."

However, as a horn player, Lupejkis seems even more excited about playing with the new band.

"I don't subscribe to the school of ska where people think that a horn should only be used as an accent. A lot of bands, especially ska/punk bands—and I'm not going to name names—will just have a horn going 'da-da, da-da.' A horn is just as important, and should be played as often, as a guitar, I think."

"I'm slowly re-writing [the G.L.G. Twenties'] horn lines to be more like big-band horns, where you've got that speed, you're harmonizing, the horns are integrated into everything," Lupejkis enthused. "I like it when you've got, say, four different players doing totally different things, and you think it's going to sound terrible, but it doesn't. It all comes together; it sounds good."

Lupejkis warns that the G.L.G. Twenties' style may not appeal to what she terms "ska purists"—people who resent the integration of the rhythms pioneered by originals like Desmond Dekker and Prince Buster with punk or hardcore.

"I'm unapologetic about it," Lupejkis said. "Our music may not appeal to [purists], and that's fine. We're not really influenced by first-wave ska [like Dekker and Buster]... for me, personally, I was always more influenced by hardcore, because that's where I had come from. We don't want to fall into the third- and fourth-wave ska/punk band trick of 'Here's a ska part,' 'Here's a punk part,' and 'Here's a ska part again.'"

"There aren't a lot of hardcore-based ska bands around, but of those that do exist, many sound formulaic. We want to mix the ska and the punk together so that you can't really differentiate [them]... that's what we're trying to do, but some people don't care for that. Whatever... we don't need anyone's seal of approval."

see SKA, page 9



### For Your Information

**WHAT?** A three-band extravaganza!

**WHEN?** Tuesday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are already on sale in the campus center.  
**Cost:** \$1/students, \$3/non.

**WHERE?** The Mary Washington College Underground, Lee Hall.

**WHO?** You, in the audience. The Scofflaws, the G.L.G. Twenties, and the Velvetens onstage.

## A Band To Look Out For: THE DIVINE COMEDY

By Ernesto Yermoli  
Bulletin Assistant Entertainment Editor

Washington, D.C.'s Black Cat club was the setting for a café-concert on Wednesday, April 16, as the U.K.'s Divine Comedy foxtropped into town from on high. The crowd was, to say the least, sparse, and the band left its usual 30-piece orchestra on the scripted isle in favor of a bare-bones, singer-and-keyboardist dynamic. Nevertheless, those who came were evidently thrilled by vocalist/lyricist/composer Neil Hannon's relentlessly British approach to pop music.

To be fair, the band pretty much is Hannon; everyone else involved is usually a session muso. Barely a ripple on the American scene, Hannon is a minor icon in Britain, where he has released four albums—"Liberation," "Promenade," "Casanova," and "A Short Album About Love"—and composed the theme music to the popular British TV show, "Father Ted." While his music is a hit in the U.K., only "Casanova" has been released on our shores.

Hannon is partial to bubblegum melodies and literate, slightly cynical lyrics. He is also, one can safely say, a booklover. From the very name of his group to his sugar-pop makeover of F. Scott Fitzgerald's "Bernice Bobs Her Hair" (on "Liberation"), this is clearly a man with a taste for the canon. Indeed, "The Booklovers," off of "Promenade," is no more than three minutes of Hannon reciting the names of authors past and present as strings lilt away in the background.

While the Divine Comedy's albums brim with cellos, violins, french horns and the like, nothing of

the sort found its way into the Black Cat last Wednesday. Instead, Hannon relied solely on his acoustic guitar and a classically trained keyboard player for back-up, while his remarkable basso profundo did the rest.

The duo crept onstage at approximately 11 p.m., and the thin gaggle of 40 or so fans made its way to the front of the floor. Hannon thereupon launched into the searing strains of "Someone's Somebody," from "A Short Album." The crowd reacted as enthusiastically as it possibly could given its size, and Hannon appeared pleased.

"Thank you. I just thought of something," he said. "The D.C.'s in D.C."

Barring a giggle or two, the quip elicited no response. Unfazed and ever the pro, however, Hannon merely shrugged and strummed another song.

see DIVINE, page 9



Courtesy photo

The Divine Comedy's Neil Hannon, Fetching Irish Lad & Continental Virtuoso



By Ryan A. MacMichael  
Bulletin Staff Writer

As promised last week...

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Anyone that's read my reviews even once—on the web, in a magazine, or here in the Bulletin—knows that I generally have not reviewed what's classified as "Christian" music. And anyone who knows me personally knows that, in my collection of thousands of CDs, tapes, and vinyl, most of my Christian section is for soulful gospel music. Only a small handful are the type of stuff you might see on a Christian video show. With that said, this review may surprise some folks.

Douglas Ebert and David Bailey are a pair that formed not by chance only days after Bailey was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer and given only a one to two percent chance of living another two years. Since then, he and Ebert have been composing songs of hope and spirituality and performing them for adoring audiences around the Virginia area (and beyond, in some cases). Ebert is the

ultra-outgoing, energetic one and Bailey is the cool, calm, and mellow antithesis, making the pair a musical McDLT sure to make an impression.

Ebert and Bailey had 500 copies of their original tape pressed and they sold like hot cakes, much like their debut CD, "Second Chance." An upcoming appearance on CBS News' "48 Hours," which covered the duo's story for several weeks, should boost those sales even more.

"Second Chance" is packed to the brim with 14 cuts that have proved popular among the band's fan base. Songs like "All Day Today" are especially touching because of the personal value attached to Bailey's well-crafted lyrics:

"everybody seems to worry about my head and heart  
everybody's in a hurry  
to provide me with a brand new start..."

Often I have felt that though the message in Christian music is positive and worth telling, it's been done over and over in the same way countless times. One of the main reasons that Bailey and Ebert's songs are as powerful and connecting as they are is because they take a more global, yet personalized, approach to hope and praise through song. The lyrics on "Second Chance" are not just good "Christian lyrics," but good lyrics, period.

On a strictly musical level this album will appeal to those who dig the acoustic sound, with a few surprises thrown in (harp, harmonica, and a beautiful piano).

see LAZE, page 9

## WMWC Top Ten List

Place	Album	Artist
1	"Living in Clip"	Ani DiFranco
2	"It's No Good"	Depeche Mode
3	"Private Parts"	Various Artists
4	"Shame On You"	Indigo Girls
5	"Secret Samadhi"	Live
6	"8 Arms To Hold You With"	Veruca Salt
7	"Shackman"	Medeski, Martin, & Wood
8	"Fashion Nugget"	Cake
9	"Autumn Sweater"	Yo La Tengo
10	"Kicks Joy Darkness"	Jack Kerouac

The Top Ten List is compiled by the Music Dept. of WMWC and is determined by the amount of airplay an album receives by the DJs of the station. Questions? Please call the Bulletin at x1133 or WMWC at x1152.

## Local Music Scene

**George Street Grill**  
Saturday, Tripping on Rats

**Sante Fe Grill**  
Friday, Pride and Joy  
Saturday, Euphoria

**Irish Brigade**  
Thursday, Babyfat  
Friday, Dennis Breenan Band  
Saturday, Mandy Hugh

## Coming Attractions...

**Thursday, April 24:** Concert, Fighting Gravity, 4 p.m., free, Ball Circle. Rain site: Great Hall.

**Thursday, April 24:** Fringe Festival: MWC Dance Company in Concert, 8 p.m., \$5, Klein Theatre. Call 654-1124 for information.

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**Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27:** Film, "The English Patient," 10 p.m., \$1, Dodd Auditorium.

# Where Is The Ugliest Place You've Ever Been?

photos and interview by Karen Pearlman



"The hole last year in Bushnell. But at the same time it was the most beautiful."

—Matt White, sophomore



"Newark, N.J. I've only been in the airport and it's a real dump."

—Jayme Morris, junior



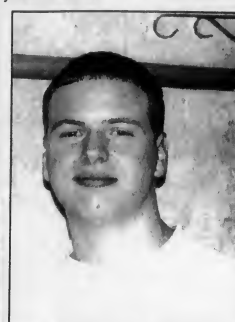
"A room with Matt Paxton naked in it."

—Brian Roberts, freshman



"Elkins, W.V. It only has a McDonald's, a gas station, and a Hah. Also tires hang from the trees."

—Catherine Littlehale, freshman



"Riverhead, Long Island. When you drive through, you feel the need to lock your doors."

—Jon Hodgeman, freshman

## SKA page 8

Judging, however, from a recent surge in the mainstream popularity of bands who play a mix of punk and ska (MTV devotees will cite Goldfinger, Mighty Mighty Bosstones, and No Doubt; folks in the independent ska/punk scene may likely gag on those names), it seems that more people like the mélange than not.

If physical involvement is any sign of approval, then punked-up ska, or ska'ed-up punk, has the kids' thumbs-up. Typically, many more people dance at ska shows than at shows of other musical genres.

"If you don't dance at a [ska] show, then there is something fundamentally wrong with you," Lupejiks declared.

The kind of dancing that goes on at ska shows, however, is particular, and may seem intimidating to the uninitiated. Dubbed "skanking," the dance is difficult to describe. It's a kind of jogging, or kicking, in place, with arms usually bent at the elbows and pumping in cadence with the rhythm—not at all unlike choreography culled from a Jane Fonda workout video. However, more seasoned skankers will vary the movements, executing such maneuvers as projectile pliés and fancy turns. Not surprisingly, audience members are sometimes reluctant to take to the floor.

"People's reasons for not dancing at shows differ. It may not be your thing, but I think it's lame when people sit around, looking 'cool.' Usually I just get mad and scream obscenities at them. But if we play up in D.C., for instance, we don't have any problems [getting people to dance]," Lupejiks said.

"When we play other places though, people are like, [makes horrified facial expression]. Like, when we play Ocean City, which we only do because they pay us sick money, I don't really care if they dance. I don't mind ripping off rich jocks, which are the people who go to those bars, mainly. I like it. If they don't wanna dance, I don't really care, ha ha ha."

Let that be a warning to you, Mary Washington-ites. If you come to the ska-fest on Tuesday, April 29—which you should, because it's cheap (\$1 students/\$3 non-students) and the bands are ace—wear comfortable shoes (it doesn't matter if they look cool) and be prepared to break a sweat!

Questions about the show?

Contact Giant Productions at 654-1140.

## LAZE page 8

Both Bailey and Ebert contribute important parts to the music, though Bailey's vocals will most likely stick out in your mind more since he is the lead vocalist. Ebert contributes a couple of songs as lead vocalist and handles the spotlight well.

Having met the two of these guys, I can say that they are very positive individuals out to make a difference, and they will: a difference to any person who will sit down and listen. And though this difference will not be the same for any two individuals, it will be a powerful one, whether or not you typically like "Christian" music. I guess I prefer to consider it music that happens to spread a Christian-type message, but quite honestly, it's a message for humanity that can, and should, be heard by all people, regardless of their faith.

## DIVINE page 8

The highlight of the evening was probably Hannon's delicate rendition of "Tonight We Fly," from "Promenade." With its Morrissey-meets-Bacharach melody and poignant, Aznavour-ish lyrics, the song proved a deserved hit with the gathered micro-throng. Even the off-duty drag queen up front, who had heretofore kept one hand on the stem of a lollipop and the other comfortably ensconced in his Pulp handbag, deigned to applaud.

"We realized you couldn't make much noise," Hannon said after coming on for an encore, "so here we are."

The encore was short and sweet: "Something for the Weekend," from "Casanova." Arguably the most anthemic and radio-friendly song on the album, Hannon and his ivory-tickling sideman did their damndest to adapt the song's pseudo-symphonic formula to their spare little set-up. It worked—the keyboards merged seamlessly with Hannon's Ronsonian strumming, and the lack of an orchestra actually helped to accentuate the gorgeous melody, relegated as it was to notes on the electric piano. When the number was over, the two diminutive Britons known for that evening as the Divine Comedy uttered their adieux and took off.

Despite the low turnout, the Divine Comedy gig was an otherwise smashing success. Hannon proved to his D.C. acolytes that his lush musicianship is by no means confined to the studio, and that his rich, smoky voice is no mere trick of the soundboard.

Those of you with a discriminating ear for hummable songs in the European tradition have no excuse not to check out the Divine Comedy. Catchy, quirky, and loaded with smarts, Hannon's the crown jewel of the britpop pack.

## Author Hansen To Read At Mary Washington



Photo by David Liittschwager

Ron Hansen, left, is the author of *Mariette in Ecstasy* (about a stigmatic nun) and *Atticus* (a "rugged thriller"), and a finalist for the National Book Award.

Hansen will grace MWC's campus to give a free reading from some of his works on Thursday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Woodard campus center's Red Room.

Literature lovers and other interesting people are encouraged to attend.

## ALVEYPALOOZA—NOT A SNOOZE-A!!



Karen Pearlman/Bullet

On Saturday, April 19, Alvey Hall held its annual fund-raising fiesta featuring live bands and free food.

Left, Alveypalooza revellers take advantage of the complimentary chow.

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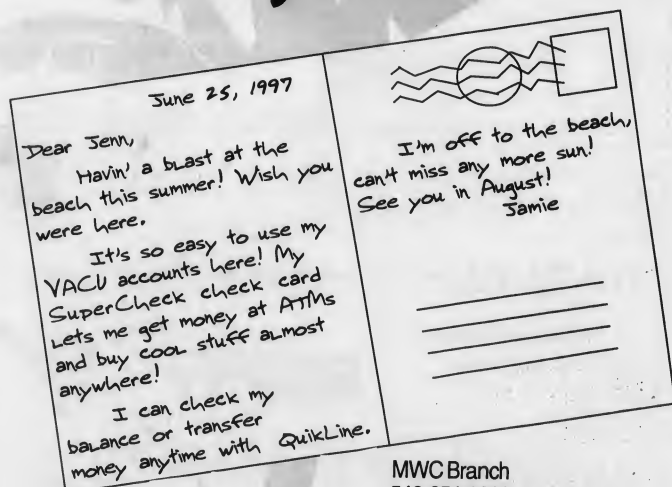
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**Dan Akroyd and Ted Danson**

Here's one that's a little harder:

**Barbara Hershey and Steven Seagal**

Do you have any matches you would like to see in the Bulletin? Make up your own and send them to box 604 with the solutions. This week's solutions were provided by James Mirabelle

**Carrie Fisher and Ben Stiller**

Carrie Fisher - Martha Mason (Drop Dead Fred);  
Martha Mason - Ben Stiller (Stella);

**Jared Harris and Halle Berry**

Jared Harris - Patrick Swayze (Tall Tale); Patrick Swayze - Halle Berry (Fatherhood);

Send your solutions, and puzzle suggestions to the Bulletin at box 604 - Just write it down and drop it in the Campus Mail slot with your number. Next week we will print the answers and give two more exciting movie matches. Oh, and don't forget to put your name on it!

## ROOM page 3

to live in their guaranteed housing!

Another thing that bothered me was the sense of blamelessness that the administration took. Of course they didn't do anything wrong.

They didn't perhaps underestimate the number of rooms that the females would need. But no, it was those crazy girls with the higher lottery numbers that are to blame. Res. Life, after all, can do no wrong.

In the end of this psychotic fairy tale, things could be seen as being all nice and normal again. The females who didn't have rooms got rooms, albeit split apart from people they were planning on rooming with, or the friends who are now all the way across campus. (Hey at least you're close to Giant now, that's a bonus.)

But what about Res. Life? I hope that they have at least learned something from this nightmare.

Maybe they should make sure that all of the females were been accounted for and possibly double check that someone hasn't decided to try their luck for a third time to get that "better" room.

After all, the bricks on campus walk would be mighty cold to sleep on.

**Shannon Carmen-Jolla**  
freshman

## Responses To Res. Life Continued.....

Editor:

I am writing in response to last week's article in concerning housing selection. That night, my roommate Ted Dangerfield and I were left utterly frustrated by the events that transpired.

Ted is currently a commuter student, and was told that if he had paid his declaration to continue fee of \$225, that all he had to do was use my lottery number. Apparently, we had been misinformed.

When it was our turn to select a room, we were denied the opportunity because Ted did not have a lottery number. This however, was not what bothered us most.

After about ten minutes of

pleading our case, we went downstairs to the office of Residence Life to see if anything could be rectified. The secretary there was very nice and pulled down Ted's file to see if there was anything she could do. The person in charge of housing selection followed us downstairs and began to talk to us like children.

After a couple of minutes of pleading calmly, I responded angrily that we not be talked to like that, and that we were being treated unfairly. I did later apologize for my raising my voice but I felt that it was justifiable considering the way we were being treated. Ted and I did manage to receive a room the following morning, though by far not

our original choice.

What left a more bitter taste in our mouths was the way we were treated. The administration was at fault, yet the blame had been placed on us. Rick Surita was quoted last week as saying that "some of the students acted very inappropriately toward members of the Residence Life staff." No, Mr. Surita, it was certain members of your staff who acted very inappropriately towards us.

We are adults that pay thousands of dollars each year to attend this institution, and we will not be treated like babies.

**Dennis Rudnick, Ted Dangerfield**  
sophomores

## NUMBER page 3

decide to live off campus.

Excuse me for failing to recognize the minutex technicality between "provided" and "guaranteed." What the brochure meant to say, I think, is that the housing will be provided if the college can find room, but if not, oh well, too bad.

Then it was my turn to ask Rick some questions. How could they underestimate the number of rooms needed if we turned in housing deposits three weeks ago? Didn't they count the number of females who requested a room and put that information to use?

According to the Director of Residence Life, the figure used to determine the number of rooms was based on the housing deposits that were turned in on time. However, as late deposits were accepted, they weren't added to the figure. This though, I was assured, was not Residence Life's fault. The admission's office, where we turned in the deposits, was in the wrong.

Well then I wondered if the numbers were based solely on the housing deposits, what did Res. Life do with the green Housing Contract we turned in to then the same day? This was the form that dealt primarily with housing issues. Didn't anyone count them? No answer from Rick.

Since that question was avoided, I decided to move on. Why weren't the people who turned in their deposits late penalized instead of the ones who followed the rules, met the deadlines, turned in our checks on time, but just had bad luck when it came to getting a housing lottery number?

Rick responded with an ironic speech telling me to remain calm, go home and wait for a voice mail instructing us what to do next. He assured us that if we followed his system, everything would be taken care of.

Now he couldn't stress enough the importance of obeying the rules. What about deadlines, those seem like rules to me?

Then Rick told us something amazing. Not only was that housing shortage not the fault of Residence Life, it was now the fault of the students. Yes, you and I caused this. Oh, excuse me, how could I be so blind? Of course I brought this on myself!

As Rick told me, several sets of roommates had both gone through the housing lines each signing up for a room. They would then compare what both got, selecting the better of the two. They would then be taking up twice as many rooms as Residence Life had expected.

This occurred only with two or

three students, someone from the Residence Life office later told us. This was not the real explanation. It was a way for Rick Surita to refer the blame for a situation in which his office was clearly at fault.

Frustrated and upset, I left the ballroom at midnight, feeling only slightly relieved from my loud confrontation with Mr. Surita.

Around two o'clock that morning we received the voice mail we had been promised. In it Rick explained that they would open a quad and a double in Framar, half a floor in Marshall, and the entire third floor of New Hall.

He went on to tell us that there were to be two time periods in which we could sign up for rooms in the Res. Life office the following day, 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Since our number was so high we fell into the 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. category.

*"She then told me I could talk, but only if I said positive things because I was influencing everyone else in the line."*

However, he told us that we would be helped in order of our lottery numbers, so we felt confident because there were many students with numbers higher than ours.

We arrived at 1:30 the next day, anticipating some kind of problem. We weren't left hanging long.

Apparently, there was no order to the line. They weren't checking lottery numbers. Rick was helping on a first come, first serve basis. What happened to the rules that we were advised to adhere to? Rick's explanation: he assumed that we could all come to him in the right order. That's really likely.

To make matters worse, we found out that a student who worked in the Residence Life office had been allowed to sign up for a room that morning when she came into work. What happened to that 2-3 time frame?

This new development was the last straw. This was the most dysfunctional office I had ever dealt with. They didn't even follow their own policies or advice.

I was not going to stand quietly in line while women with higher numbers than mine took rooms in Marshall that I wanted.

Finally after forty minutes of telling everyone exactly what I thought, an assistant came over to me. From now on I would either have to

be quiet or wait in the hall until my number was called.

I told her I would be out there for a long time since they weren't calling numbers.

She then told me I could talk, but only if I said positive things because I was influencing everyone else in line.

I think by this time, everyone in that line felt the same way; no one felt positively about Residence Life. I wasn't influencing anyone. We had all made up our own minds. So the assistant tried to muffle me again.

This time I would need to be silent because people were trying to work. People trying to work! If there were people working in that office this whole situation would have never occurred.

Finally, we made it to the front line, face to face, with my Rick Surita. Now it was my roommate's turn, since I could no longer speak in the Residence Life office.

She asked Mr. Surita why there was no order in the line, why he didn't check numbers, what was his strategy, why could we selectively follow his rules. Rick just looked at us and in an extremely hostile tone said, "Do you want the room or not?"

We took the room, 308 New Hall to be exact. Every time either one of us asked a question the answer was always the same, "Do you want the room or not?" There was no explanation, no apology.

Next year, I'll be a sophomore living on the complete opposite side of campus from everyone that I know, on a floor composed of some of us with bad lotto numbers and the rest transfer students. Above and below me will be upperclassmen. This is not a situation I like to be forced into.

Why should I be isolated in New when there is space in both Jefferson and Russell for men? If the Office of Residence Life could add and perhaps work together with admissions, maybe I would be with most of the other sophomores on that end of campus.

I could learn to be happy with my new building and lovely, spacious room if Residence Life could learn to apologise and accept some of the blame that is due to them.

Throughout this whole ordeal we students were treated as if we were an inconvenience. Residence Life assumed an attitude of "You should thank us for going out of our way to find you a room. We don't have to, you know."

This isn't right. I deserved a room. I want an apology.

**Sarah Flanna Williams**  
freshman

## JUSTICE page 3

Dr. Farmer doesn't have much time left. I'm sure each student can find the time to write a letter to the President supporting Dr. Farmer receiving the Medal of Freedom. He

more than deserves it. And I think the students owe it to him. The nation owes it to him.

Thank you Dr. Farmer. You're still smiling after being dragged through

hell. And now, because of you, the age old debate over the meaning of justice can rest. You've defined justice without saying a word.

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here today, he would be offending us all. Why is that? His words hurt because they recognize God as God and us as sinners. The truth does hurt, when you know you are wrong in the eyes of God it is a frightening thing. Truth can only be found in the Bible, where Christ himself speaks to us.

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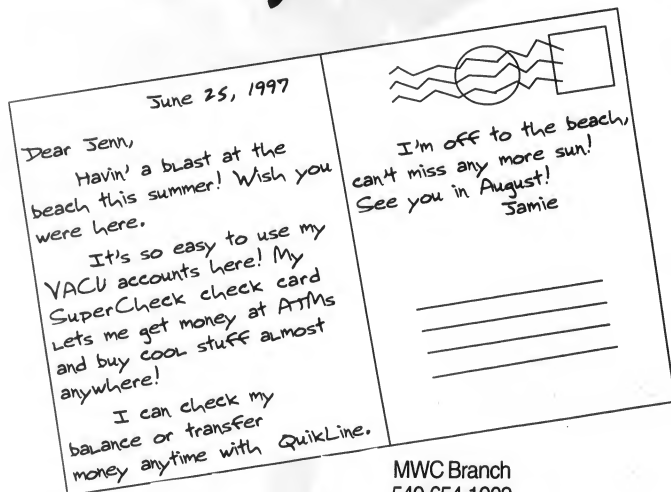
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Here are this week's Movie Game matches:

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**Dan Akroyd and Ted Danson**

Here's one that's a little harder:

**Barbara Hershey and Steven Seagall**

Do you have any matches you would like to see in the Bulletin? Make up your own and send them to box 604 with the solutions. This week's solutions were provided by James Mirabello

**Carrie Fisher and Ben Stiller**

Carrie Fisher - Martha Mason (Drop Dead Fred);  
Martha Mason - Ben Stiller (Stella);

**Jared Harris and Halle Berry**

Jared Harris - Patrick Swayze (Tall Tale); Patrick Swayze - Halle Berry (Fatherhood);

Send your solutions, and puzzle suggestions to the Bulletin at box 604 - Just write it down and drop it in the Campus Mail slot with our number. Next week we will print the answers and give two more exciting movie matches. Oh, and don't forget to put your name on it!

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decide to live off campus.

Excuse me for failing to recognize the minutex technicality between "provided" and "guaranteed." What the brochure meant to say, I think, is that the housing will be provided if the college can find room, but if not, oh well, too bad.

Then it was my turn to ask Rick some questions. How could they underestimate the number of rooms needed if we turned in housing deposits three weeks ago? Didn't they count the number of females who requested a room and put that information to use?

According to the Director of Residence Life, the figure used to determine the number of rooms was based on the housing deposits that were turned in on time. However, as late deposits were accepted, they weren't added to the figure. This though, I was assured, was not Residence Life's fault. The admission's office, where we turned in the deposits, was in the wrong.

Well then I wondered if the numbers were based solely on the housing deposits, what did Res. Life do with the green Housing Contract we turned in to then the same day? This was the form that dealt primarily with housing issues. Didn't anyone count them? No answer from Rick.

Since that question was avoided, I decided to move on. Why weren't the people who turned in their deposits late penalized instead of the ones who followed the rules, met the deadlines, turned in our checks on time, but just had bad luck when it came to getting a housing lottery number?

Rick responded with an ironic speech telling me to remain calm, go home and wait for a voice mail instructing us what to do next. He assured us that if we followed his system, everything would be taken care of.

Now he couldn't stress enough the importance of obeying the rules. What about deadlines, those seem like rules to me?

Then Rick told us something amazing. Not only was that housing shortage not the fault of Residence Life, it was now the fault of the students. Yes, you and I caused this. Oh, excuse me, how could I be so blind? Of course I brought this on myself!

As Rick told me, several sets of roommates had both gone through the housing lines each signing up for a room. They would then compare what both got, selecting the better of the two. They would then be taking up twice as many rooms as Residence Life had expected.

This occurred only with two or

three students, someone from the Residence Life office later told us. This was not the real explanation. It was a way for Rick Surita to refer the blame for aa situation in which his office was clearly at fault.

Frustrated and upset, I left the ballroom at midnight, feeling only slightly relieved from my loud confrontation with Mr. Surita.

Around two o'clock that morning we received the voice mail we had been promised. In it Rick explained that they would open a quad and a double in Framar, half a floor in Marshall, and the entire third floor of New Hall.

He went on to tell us that there were to be two time periods in which we could sign up for rooms in the Res. Life office the following day, 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Since our number was so high we fell into the 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. category.

be quiet or wait in the hall until my number was called.

I told her I would be out there for a long time since they weren't calling numbers.

She then told me I could talk, but only if I said positive things because I was influencing everyone else in line.

I think by this time, everyone in that line felt the same way; no one felt positively about Residence Life. I wasn't influencing anyone. We had all made up our own minds. So the assistant tried to muffle me again.

This time I would need to be silent because people were trying to work. People trying to work! If there were people working in that office this whole situation would have never occurred.

Finally, we made it to the front line, face to face, with my Rick Surita. Now it was my roommate's turn, since I could no longer speak in the Residence Life office.

She asked Mr. Surita why there was no order in the line, why he didn't check numbers, what was his strategy, why could we selectively follow his rules. Rick just looked at us and in an extremely hostile tone said, "Do you want the room or not?"

We took the room, 308 New Hall to be exact. Every time either one of us asked a question the answer was always the same, "Do you want the room or not?" There was no explanation, no apology.

Next year, I'll be a sophomore living on the complete opposite side of campus from everyone that I know, on a floor composed of some of us with bad lotto numbers and the rest transfer students. Above and below me will be upperclassmen. This is not a situation I like to be forced into.

Why should I be isolated in New when there is space in both Jefferson and Russell for me? If the Office of Residence Life could add and perhaps work together with admissions, maybe I would be with most of the other sophomores on that end of campus.

I could learn to be happy with my new building and lovely, spacious room if Residence Life could learn to apologise and accept some of the blame that is due to them.

Throughout this whole ordeal we students were treated as if we were an inconvenience. Residence Life assumed an attitude of "You should thank us for going out of our way to find you a room. We don't have to, you know."

This isn't right. I deserved a room. I want an apology.

Sarah Flanna Williams  
freshman

## ROOM page 3

to live in their guaranteed housing!

Another thing that bothered me was the sense of blamelessness that the administration took. Of course they didn't do anything wrong.

They didn't perhaps underestimate the number of rooms that the females would need. But no, it was those crazy girls with the higher lottery numbers that are to "blame. Res. Life, after all, can do no wrong.

In the end of this psychotic fairy tale, things could be seen as being all nice and normal again. The females who didn't have rooms got rooms, albeit split apart from people they were planning on rooming with, or the friends who are now all the way across campus. (Hey at least you're close to Giant now, that's a bonus.)

But what about Res. Life? I hope that they have at least learned something from this nightmare.

Maybe they should make sure that all of the females have been accounted for and possibly double check that someone hasn't decided to try their luck for a third time to get that "better" room.

After all, the bricks on campus walk would be mighty cold to sleep on.

Shannon Carnemolla  
freshman

## Responses To Res. Life Continued.....

Editor:

I'm writing in response to last week's article in concerning housing selection. That night, my roommate Ted Dangerfield and I were left utterly frustrated by the events that transpired.

Ted is currently a commuter student, and was told that if he had paid his declaration to continue fee of \$225, that all he had to do was use my lottery number. Apparently, we had been misinformed.

When it was our turn to select a room, we were denied the opportunity because Ted did not have a lottery number. This however, was not what bothered us most.

After about ten minutes of

pleading our case, we went downstairs to the office of Residence Life to see if anything could be rectified. The secretary there was very nice and pulled down Ted's file to see if there was anything she could do. The person in charge of housing selection followed us downstairs and began to talk to us like children.

After a couple of minutes of pleading calmly, I responded angrily that we not be talked to like that, and that we were being treated unfairly. I did later apologize for my raising my voice but I felt that it was justifiable considering the way we were being treated. Ted and I did manage to receive a room the following morning, though by far not

our original choice.

What left a more bitter taste in our mouths was the way we were treated. The administration was at fault, yet the blame had been placed on us. Rick Surita was quoted last week as saying that "some of the students acted very inappropriately toward members of the Residence Life staff." No, Mr. Surita, it was certain members of your staff who acted very inappropriately towards us.

We are adults that pay thousands of dollars each year to attend this institution, and we will not be treated like babies.

Dennis Rudnick, Ted Dangerfield  
sophomores

## JUSTICE page 3

Dr. Farmer doesn't have much time left. I'm sure each student can find the time to write a letter to the President supporting Dr. Farmer receiving the Medal of Freedom. He

more than deserves it, and I think the students owe it to him. The nation owes it to him.

Thank you Dr. Farmer. You're still smiling after being dragged through

hell. And now, because of you, the age old debate over the meaning of justice can rest. You've defined justice without saying a word.

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# A School By Another Name, Will It Be the Same?

By Lauren Q. Chadwick  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Mary Washington College could soon become the University of the Potomac or possibly even the University of the Chesapeake, in response to a survey sent to students by the College Image and Stafford Name Committee.

According to The College Image and Stafford Name Committee, they are in pursuit of two new names. One will be for the Stafford campus, and the other will be an umbrella name encompassing both campuses, Fredericksburg and Stafford. However, Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg campus, will not be directly affected by the name search, according to Kathy Mehfoed, chair of the College Image and Stafford Name Committee.

"There is no possibility of a name change," Mehfoed said, referring to the Fredericksburg campus.

The committee members and focus groups brainstormed the names found on the survey sent to students. They chose the names so that students and faculty could have examples of what to suggest for names of the Stafford county facility and the possible umbrella name for both campuses.

According to Ron Singleton, vice president for college relations, the first choice of the committee for the Stafford campus was James Monroe College. Singleton said that

other choices included College of Continuing Education, Potomac College, Kenmore College, James Farmer College, George Washington Institute and Alvey College.

Three suggestions are also before the committee as possible umbrella names for both campuses. These include Washington and Monroe University, James Monroe University and the University of the Potomac, according to Singleton. Mehfoed said that this list is expected to change as the survey results are tallied and all the suggested names are added to the list.

"Maybe somebody out there will have a name that grabs everybody," Mehfoed said.

Students, however, appear less than excited about the suggested names.

"I'd like to meet whoever came up with the names University of the Potomac and the University of the Chesapeake," senior Bill Sherman said. "As a geography major, I can't help but question their intelligence."

Other students wondered why another name was needed at all.

"I don't think they should use a different name. Why

not make it simply Mary Washington College Stafford Campus," senior Sarah Lerley said.

At the beginning of the week, Singleton said that students have completed and returned approximately 200 surveys. His office will forward the survey to the National Institute for Organizational Research and Problem Solving. They will process the data for analysis.

According to Singleton, current MWC students represented one of four groups that will be surveyed. All 485 faculty and full-time employees will be mailed surveys on April 28. The committee will also send surveys to 3400 prospective students in mid-May.

These prospective students were randomly selected from a sample of 44,000 students who have the academic qualifications needed to attend MWC, including a score of 1200 or better on the PSAT, said Singleton. The college purchased these names from the College Board.

"This is a very important committee. I am really looking forward to seeing the outcome, the comparison of our

view of the college to the prospective students' view. The future of the college is in the prospective students," Mehfoed said.

Mary Washington has not conducted an extensive student survey since the mid-1980's, according to Singleton.

The fourth group, MWC alumni, will receive surveys in June. A computer will randomly select 1000 alumni from a group of more than 25,000, said Singleton.

Singleton also said that college funds are not being used to finance the survey. Private contributions cover all the costs of the project. He estimated the consulting fee to be around \$20,000, but said it is too early to estimate the cost of the entire project.

The committee has 21 members from different groups that represent the college. There are three members each from the Board of Visitors, the alumni association, the faculty, the administration, present MWC students, the foundation board, and Fredericksburg area community leaders.

According to Singleton, the college planned for the naming of the Stafford facility to coincide with its ground breaking; however, the architectural plans are in Richmond pending approval. Construction is expected to begin in early 1998, and the first building is projected to open for classes in the fall of 1999, said Singleton.

## SALARY, page 1

"The general goal is to maximize the amount of resources that we spend on instruction taking that from anywhere else we can find it. But the changes are not dramatic," said Hall. "Some of administration is more closely related to instruction than others."

In 1994, each state institution of higher learning was required to submit a restructuring plan to the Virginia General Assembly after it allocated increases in higher education for the first time since 1989, Hall said.

"That was the deal, we'll put some money back on the table but our guys are going to have to re-engineer your business," Hall said.

Administration began its restructuring by eliminating several vice presidential positions from central administration, Finley said.

These duties were then distributed among existing administrators, who received salary increases as compensation, according to Singleton.

Poyck's current duties are a combination of two positions: the executive vice president, which was eliminated when Ray Merchant left the job in 1993, and the vice president for business and finance, which Richard Miller retired from last May.

Academic Services has also experienced change since 1994. In the restructuring plan, the position of associate dean of academic services was eliminated. Last year, Ed Piper, dean of academic services and director of summer session, retired.

This year, two more positions were hired at Academic Services: Adrienne May filled the eliminated position associate dean of academic services, and Constance Diamant became registrar and director of summer session.

Other such changes have occurred in the Office of the President, the Office of College Relations and Legislative Affairs and Computer and Network Services.

One more position will be eliminated this June when Conrad Warlick, senior vice president for administrative and student services retires. His duties will be distributed to existing staff, according to Singleton.

According to Finley, Mary Washington's administration is not as well staffed as other colleges and universities in the state. He does not feel that the addition of administrators at Mary Washington is negative.

"My viewpoint is that the change from 62 [administrators] to 70 is relatively low," Finley said.

J.C. Bill, chairperson of the psychology department and the 1994 chair of the committee for faculty affairs, studied administrative salaries against a benchmark group of colleges that resemble Mary Washington in size and educational program. Bill agrees that there are not excessive numbers of administrators at Mary Washington

College.

"It's not obvious to me that we needed to [restructure administration]. There are not too many people, but I do think we pay them very well," said Bill, who reported that Mary Washington College administrative salaries were in the 90th percentile of their benchmark groups.

The staff at Mary Washington College, whose salaries are allotted by the Virginia General Assembly in a general and educational budget, is divided into three categories: faculty, classified, which ranges from the Physical Plant and Housekeeping to some administrators; and administrative, or administrators, according to Singleton.

According to Hall, the General Assembly has a different set of rules for salary increases for each of these groups, whose salaries are a combination of state appropriations and tuition.

For instance, the General Assembly allotted a 4 percent increase across the board for all Classified employees. However, the salary increases for faculty and administrative, which are decided on by a number of administrators, including the Provost and Personnel office can vary as long as they average a certain percent, according to Nancy Thompson, the senior budget analyst at Mary Washington.

Singleton noted that counting the number of administrative can be difficult because people have shuffled from the classified list to the administrative list. This is usually done so that a person can obtain a better salary, according to Hall.

"The dividing line is arbitrary between Classified and Administrative," Singleton said.

However, only one person, Timothy Law, director of computer and network services, listed as Classified in 1994, was on the administrative list in 1997.

According to Singleton, the Classified staff has experienced a reduction in personnel through the privatization of the post office and document center.

While downsizing and making Mary Washington more efficient are goals of the restructuring plan, both Singleton and Finley expect growth as the number of students, programs and technological advances increase.

Administrators are focusing on the needs of the college and responding as they change, according to Singleton.

"You need to look at all aspects of the institution. The operation of the college is a business," Singleton said.

According to Hall, restructuring is an ongoing project at Mary Washington.

"It's a very complicated and often frustrating business. It's kind of like spending less money on vacations in order to spend more on groceries or something," Hall said.

## RUSSIAN, page 1

Dennis Nissam-Sabat, professor of psychology, asked about faculty input.

Poyck said that the faculty input came from the task force assigned to the problem.

In an earlier interview, Merrill explained the task force. According to Merrill, Palmer organized a task force of seven members to generate ideas on how to avoid the loss of the Russian program.

"One suggestion of the task force was to give her [Baslyk] five years to see if enrollment figures would rise. The provost shortened the suggestion to four years to build enrollment and the notifying her in the fifth year. But the BOV ignored that part and cut it anyway," Merrill said.

Ana Chichester, assistant professor of MFL, agreed with Merrill.

"I am very dissatisfied by the decision. I wish the BOV would have taken a closer look at the task force and the five year improved enrollment plan.

At or least a portion of that time," she said.

The BOV addressed the task force in their resolution.

"...Whereas, the report of a faculty task force appointed by the dean of the faculty to address the enrollment problems offers insufficient reason to expect significant change in those numbers..." read the resolution.

Poyck admitted that the task force could have been different, and the ideas could have been stronger if they would have known sooner and worked more with the recommendations. She added, however, that things will change.

"We're in a different environment with different folks on the Board that think a different way. It's a wake up call for how we will work in the future," Poyck said.

These are not the only losses that the MFL department has suffered recently. According to Baslyk, last year was worse because she found out that the Russian major was being eliminated from the curriculum.

"This is better than last year. On May 19, 1996, I found out that the school was eliminating the Russian Major. So, this is closure for me," she said.

After the decision to cut the Russian major, Baslyk was able to continue teaching classes, but she said she was still concerned about her teaching position.

"Last August I saw the Dean and asked her if we could begin anew and build new bridges, but she made it clear that I was not going to get tenure. So, I was worried," Baslyk said.

However, she said that she had such a great deal of support from the tenure committee, the provost, the students, and the faculty that she began to believe in the process.

"But it didn't work," she said. "I believe, as other faculty members do, that this was rigged; but it's over, and I've accepted it."

One faculty member from the MFL department, Norma Batchelder, associate professor of modern foreign language, has recently turned in her resignation. According to her, the deletion of the Russian program was one part of the reason that she turned in her resignation.

In addition to losing the Russian major, the administration took away the special interest housing from the MFL department which housed several of the foreign

language students earlier this academic year.

"We feel that we are really under fire. We feel like we have been singled out," Purdy said.

Chichester, who agreed with Purdy, cited a national trend against modern foreign languages.

"This was not anything new, even losing the houses. It was mentioned three years ago in a restructuring plan for our department. It is a nationwide decline that we're trying to fight," Chichester said.

In spite of the feeling of injustice, Baslyk said that the BOV's decision was legal. She has spoken with a couple of attorneys in the American Association of University Professors.

"What they [BOV] have done is perfectly legal. I have learned that the BOV can do whatever it wants. They do not have to give a reason for not granting tenure. Academics have no rights. Our contract system is immoral," Baslyk said.

Merrill stated that Russian will still be offered at MWC.

"Basic Russian language courses will be taught with maybe a rare advanced course. But, they will only be taught by adjuncts," he said.

This reduction will leave a few students looking for a new major, or perhaps a new school.

Katie Jenkins, a junior at MWC, is one of the few remaining declared Russian majors. However, she may not be able to graduate with a Russian major.

She explained that she fell a semester behind and now she may have to redesign her major to incorporate her Russian classes because the school will not be offering what she needs to graduate.

"I don't understand it. An important aspect of a liberal arts college is the small and diverse offerings. I came here because of the ratio between student and teacher was low," Jenkins said. "What bothers me the most is that they said it was because the enrollment wasn't high enough, but I didn't want big classes. There is no way that I could learn Russian in a class with 40 other people."

Jenkins was also very upset with the BOV's decision to not give Baslyk tenure.

"I think it is the biggest rip off. She's a wonderful professor and she deserved tenure," she said.

Other students feel the same way.

Erica, a sophomore and intended Russian major, will not be able to graduate with that major.

"I was in the middle of creating my own special studies program, but now I don't know what I'm going to do. I came to this school because of its Russian program," Salmin said.

She also had strong feelings about the BOV denying Baslyk tenure.

"It's immoral and completely disgraceful. She's done so much for this school and worked so hard to just throw it all away," Salmin said.

Despite her losses, Baslyk still has plans and high hopes for the future, however, teaching is not part of her agenda.

"I want to reinvent myself. I may move up to Vancouver and see how it is there, but I will not be teaching again," Baslyk said. "I have enjoyed my colleagues and students, and I will take away many good memories."

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